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Nov. 26 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I trust you will not forget to send check to Col. Beecher at Montgomery to pay on land purchased for Church. That note is due Dec. 2 The amount is $438.50 with interest at 8.% I will write Col. Beecher in relation to the matter, and also to the Agent to call on him for the money. I am getting along with my business here so that I now expect to start for New York next Monday.

Yours Truly

Thos C. Steward

Nov. 26 2

Col. Edwin Beecher
Montgomery Ala.

My Dear Sir

I have written Mr. Cravath to send you check to pay a note I gave Jno. A. Norton for land purchased for the Cong. Church, due Dec 2. I have written Mr. Norton to call on you with note, and I trust the money will be there in time, though there may be a few days delay. Has Alice Pratt called for her desk?

By the way what do you think of Teddy's walkaway on the 8th inst.? Didn't that Rosevelt avalanche prove the grandest landslide you ever heard of? This section of country is improving rapidly. Our dist. has elected a Repub. to Congress, also State Senator, and we have a Republican Mayor in this city. I think it will be a pretty good place to live. Next Monday I expect to start for Washington and New York. Will write you more of our plans on my return.

Yours Truly

[illegible] and you favours

[illegible] quickly [illegible] following for

at your will. [illegible] Have you an [illegible]

[illegible]

Consider. You would need be put on. I expect

to start for [illegible]

up the Rhine for our [illegible] which

is to cost about $1000. We may return I

want to stop at Sanfords a day or two.

Must be back here before Christmas.

We are all well and Emmet was right during

the quick work of our stay here. We all send

love

Yours truly

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Nov. 26 2

Mr. Jno. A. Horton
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir,

My note for 438\frac{50}{100}$ for land purchased of Mrs C. L. Benson is due on 2nd Dec. and have sent to New York for money to pay same. It may be the middle or last of next week before it reaches Montgomery, I trust however you will feel no uneasiness in regard to it. Please call on Col. Edwin Beecher Cashr. National Savings Bank, and he will pay the note as soon as funds arrive.

Yours Respy
Thos C Steward

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Nov. 27 2

Dear Bro. Wesley: What can you furnish best quality of heart pine flooring for at your mill? Have you any on hand that is well seasoned? What length of time will be required to season such lumber thoroughly in the sun? I expect to want from 30 to 50 M of that kind of lumber, but will not be ready to use it before next May or June. I shall also want a large bill of Joists of different lengths and sizes to use much sooner. What can you furnish these for? I wish you could ascertain at what rates lumber can be shipped from your place to Nashville by the car, and how much may be put on. I expect to start for New York next Monday to make up the plans for our first Building, which is to cost about $50.000. On my return I want to stop at Sanfords a day or two. Must be back here before Christmas. We are all well now. Ernest was sick during the first week of our stay here. We all send love.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward

Dec. 20   2

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Sir,

I spent one day last week drawing lines and setting stakes on the Fort Gillem lot for Jubilee Hall. We are ready to break ground on Wednesday Jan'y 1. The front line of the building is 32.5 ft from the north line of Harding St. and the east front 187 ft. from the west line of Church St. By this plan the center of the main entrance is on a line with the center of Robertson St. I think it best however to take off 6 ft wide along the front of the Battle lot for a side walk as Robertson St is rather narrow already and then set the Hall 3 ft farther west which will give 190 ft east of the building to Church St. If you see any object-ion to this please say so before the change is made. The difference in the ground ascertained by leveling is as follows — The S.E. corner of the building 3.8 ft lower than the front entrance, and the N.E. corner of the wing 8.3 ft lower than the S.E. corner This will bring the Kitchen and Servants rooms [illegible] [illegible], and affords ample room for a cellar under the kitchen. I will see the parties owning the church lot and bring them out if possible. Last Saturday I entered into a written contract with Gov. Brown and the Admr. of the Battle Estate, for the purchase of their lot South of F. L. Gilmer. They still owe $1500 on the lot which is due May 8, 1873. There are three minor heirs, and in order to get a perfect title we must wait until they get an order from the Chancery Court to sell. It will be as late as the middle of Feby before this can be accomplished. I pay them to day $1000. and when the title is perfected $3000. more, and exchange our notes for theirs with the party of whom they purchased, which will give us until May to pay the last $1500. This is the best arrangement I could make at the time. I am to take possession of the land at once. I took the responsibility of signing the contract for Mr. Ketchum. Please send Check for $500. at once. I am going forward

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with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the contract taken for finishing the [illegible] of the basement and foundation. The changes desired [illegible] [illegible] to do in the [illegible] for building until the plans [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] I am also [illegible] the [illegible] I am opposed to building Jubilee Hall in that way. The Board of the firm of Doran & Brown [illegible] [illegible] that we do not use stone in that place as it does not sufficiently protect the walls, is very expensive, and is not modern enough to correspond with other features we expect to introduce. This opinion from a man who would like to furnish the stone. I hope you will decide to have the roof project, and finished with cornice in modern style. Can you not see Mr. Hunt and so direct? Mr. Brown also thinks the building will look very odd without the opening of one trim the windows with stone — He would dispense with the trim between windows instead of the [illegible]. I feel convinced in this opinion.

rooms outside of main grounds, and affords ample room for a [illegible] under the kitchen. I will see the parties owning the church lot and buy them out if possible.

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I like the "Magnument [illegible]" much the best, since I have paid more attention to the different styles. I wish these matters could be settled before the perspective is drawn so that a photograph from that will present a true picture of the building as it is to be. I hope there will be no delay in finishing and forwarding the plans, as I can do very little before they are received. How did you succeed in Washington?

By the way what shall I do about the lot south of Battles? Now that we get [redacted] time on the other can we not afford this if Harding will take one third down and the balance in two payts? Or could you not pay one half cash? Bennett will take one acre or more, I will take two acres, and the rest can be disposed of if you do not want to keep it. Gen Hickman would unite in buying it so the University would want the upper half. Write me at once in relation to it.

Yours Truly

Jubilee Hall [illegible] ember 1872

Jany 3 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Mrs. P. Harding who owns the lot south of the Battle & Beard lot now offers to sell on the following terms viz. for $7.300 in three payments, one third down and the balance in one and two years with interest at 10%. I have conferred with Maj. Hopkins and Judge Lawrence in relation to it, and they both say that on no account should we let this land pass from our control, if the money can be had with which to purchase on these terms. They think we will need the land after awhile, and that it can never be bought so cheaply again. I think there will be no difficulty in disposing of that portion not need for the School, and as we get some time on the Battle lot, it seems to me we should secure this at once. I have the refusal of this lot for 12 days on the above terms and I trust the matter will be decided within that time. Land in the vicinity of Fort Gillem will increase in value rapidly when we begin operations there

Yours truly

Thos C Steward

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Jubilee Hall Acct. December 1872

Cr.

July	18	By Cash on Land	8100
Sept.	23	" " " Horse and Carriage	350
Dec	7	" " " Personal a/c	358 40
"	16	" " " General "	200
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Dr.

July	18	To Land — Fort Gillem	8100
Sept.	23	" Horse and Carriage	350
Nov.		" Trav. ex. Montg. to Nash. Atlanta & return	70 75
"		" Freight on goods - Marion to Nash.	37 65
Dec.		" Trav. ex to New York and return	89 80
"		" Stationery and Printing	34
"		" Postage Stamps	3
"		" Check Book	2
"		" Daily Banner one year half rates	6
"		" Repairing Carriage	5
"		" Expense of looking land	2
"		" Salary Qr. ending Dec. 31. 72	250
			8.950 20

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Jany 4 -3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed my Financial Statement for Month of December. Yesterday I received Col. Beechers letter of 25 ult. with your endorsement, and immediately enclosed all of the Ala. State Warrants to the Col. with a request that he remit funds as soon as received to W. E. Whiting 57 Reade St. I hope he will be able to get the money very soon. I trust you will decide to purchase the lot of Wm. P. Harding of which I wrote you two days ago. We shall never again be able to get this land on as favorable terms as are now offered.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

Jany 6 73

Proposals will be received at this Office until 12 oclock noon Thursday January 9. 1873, for making the excavation for foundation and basement of "Jubilee Hall". Each bid must contain the full name of all parties interested in the same, and must be accompanied with good and sufficient security that if the bid is accepted the contract will be entered into and the work promptly and faithfully performed. Plans of the work can be seen at this Office Wednesday morning Jany. 8. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Thos. C. Steward
Supt

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Mr. Geo. W. Blake.
New York.

Dear Sir.

While in your city in December last I was introduced to you in the Office of S. D. Hatch archt. You spoke of sending me circulars containing discriptions and prices of your Heating Apparatus, but as these were not received I conclude you forgot them. Pray have the kindness to send circulars & price list by mail, and state what discount you will make for our University. And will you please give me names and addresses of other parties who manufacture same kind of apparatus as that made by yourself. You can see the plan of our building by calling at the office of Mr. Hatch

Yours Respy
Thos C. Steward

Jany 11 3

Mr. S. D. Hatch
New York

Dear Sir.

I have gone as far with my work on "Jubilee Hall" as I can go untill the Drawings are received. The Excavation for the Basement will soon be completed, and I now want to let the contract for Stone work. I suppose Mr. Cravath has seen you about the stone coping and I trust that style of finish will be dispensed with. And I also hope you will draw the Perspective with the Quoins — in my judgement they make a much more substantial job.

With the hope that all the drawings will soon be received.

I am Yours Truly
Thos C. Steward

Jany 14 3

Dear Bro. Pike.

I have been waiting for the Officers of the Association to decide whether Block No. should be purchased of Wm Harding for the University, and so have not yet selected a lot for Maggie Porter. I think a mistake has been made in not securing this land for the School, and we shall probably see it when it is too late to correct it. There are good lots for sale in vicinity of Ft. Gillem and I think Maggie can be suited as to location, and I trust as to price also. I have said nothing to her mother of Maggie's plans. Mrs. Porter is here and seems to enjoy her situation.
How are you getting along now with the Concerts?
Everything is working well at this end of the line.

Yours truly

Thos C Steward

[illegible] the [illegible] is possible
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] There is [illegible] plenty of room
on the [illegible] Jubilee Hall. I saw Mr. [illegible] Harding
the day after the receipt [illegible]
[illegible] has [illegible] offer [illegible]
[illegible] Before [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] who [illegible]
buy the [illegible] and hold [illegible] for the University [illegible]
in that [illegible] obliged to [illegible], but [illegible] with
the feeling that we [illegible] a [illegible]
The first of [illegible] and I advertised for proposals
[illegible] making the Excavation for Jubilee Hall [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] closed the contract for [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]

Jany 14 3

Messrs. Goss and Phillips
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circular and Price lists of Doors, Blinds Windows &c, and state what discount you will make from printed lists. I expect to make a large order during the coming season and wish to ascertain where I can do best.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

P.S.

Also give me price of best quality pine shingles
T.C.S.

Jany 14. 73

E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

Have rec'd your Circular

Yours of 8 and 10 inst are

with three sets of Window, Door, Blinds, Frame

other letter you allude to of an earlier date has not come to hand. I have planned to widen Robertson St and to set Jubilee Hall thirty feet further back so that the center of the building will face the center of the St. nearest it. The party owning land on the east of Robertson St. has a row of young trees growing six feet from his fence, and it would be unreasonable to ask that he give six feet more of land. There is yet plenty of room on the west of Jubilee Hall. I saw Wm. P. Harding the day after the receipt of your letter in relation to purchase of his lot. ~~He would not~~ any less than his first offer, and I was sure that we did not wish to buy. Before releasing him however I tried to find some one in the city who would buy the lot and hold it for the University. Failing in that I was obliged to give it up, but not without the feeling that we lost both a good bargain. The first of last week I advertised for proposals for making the excavation for Jubilee Hall, the last of the week closed the contract for doing the work and Monday 13 inst the work was commenced.

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Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Supt

P.S.

Also give me price of best quality pine shingl
T.C.S.

Garden City Mfg. Co.
Cor. 22d and Morgan Sts
Chicago Ill

Jany 14 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

Yours of 4-6 and 10 inst are received. The other letter you allude to of an earlier date has not come to hand. I have planned to widen Robertson St. and to set Jubilee Hall three feet farther west so that the center of the building will face the center of the St. nearest it. The party owning land on the east of Robertson St. has already a row of fine trees growing six feet from his fence, and it would be unreasonable to ask that he give six feet more of land. There is yet plenty of room on the west of Jubilee Hall. I saw Wm. P. Harding the day after the receipt of your letter in relation to purchase of his lot. He would not take five cents less than his first offer, and was glad we did not wish to buy. Before releasing him however, I tried to find some one in the city who would buy the lot and hold it for the University. Failing in that I was obliged to give it up, but not without the feeling that we had lost a good bargain. The first of last week I advertized for proposals for making the Excavation for Jubilee Hall, the last of the week closed the contract for doing this work, and Monday 13 inst. the work was commenced

in good earnest. If the weather is favorable
I hope to have it completed within three weeks
from date. I shall now advertize for proposals
for stone work, so that the Contractor may have
time to quarry stone and get it on the gro
I do not understand from your letter in what
particular you do not think best to change
the drawings for Jubilee Hall, as I wrote you
concerning several matters. I fear this letter
will not find you in New York as you were to
start South about this time if I remember
rightly. I hope you will plan to spend a
day or two in Nashville on your way north.
It will be quite necessary that you attend
to some matters in person at that time, even
though you expect to be here in May to attend
Com. exercises.

The parties interested in perfecting the
title to the Battle & Brown lot are pushing
matters, and I would like to have $3250. by
the 25 or 28 of this month. By that time I
shall want funds to push my work, so
I would like to have you send $4000.
I am satisfied it will be greatly to our advantage to pay promptly as far as we go.

Please write me whether you will come here
this trip.

Yours Truly
Thos C Steward

Jan'y 14

L. Hoppeser
Cincinnati Ohio

Sir.

Please send me your Circulars with price lists of doors, windows, sash, frames, Mouldings &c, and state what discount you will make on large bills. What is the price of best quality pine lumber in Cin?

Yours Resp'y [illegible] C. Ste[illegible]
Agt.

Jany 14 3

Messrs. W. M. Cameron & Co
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circulars with price lists of Doors, Blinds, Windows, Frames, Mouldings &c, and state what Discount you will make from printed prices. What is the price of best quality pine shingles in your market?

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Supt.

S.E. Cor. 5th and Hoadley Sts

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Supt.

S. E. Cor. 6th and Hoadley Sts.

Jany 14 3

Mr. C. L. Meyer
Chicago Ill.

Sir.

Pray have the kindness to send me your Circulars, with price list of Doors, Sash, Frames, Windows, Blinds, Mouldings &c, and state what discount you will make from printed prices. I expect to purchase a large bill of building material during the coming season, and wish to ascertain where I can do the best. Also give me the prices of best quality pine shingles in your market.

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward [illegible]

Cor. [illegible] Desplaines St

NO.

Jany 14 3

Mess. Horey and Campbell
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circular, with price lists of Blinds, Doors, Frames Windows, Moulding &c. Also give me price of best quality pine Shingles in your market. What discount will you make from printed prices.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward Supt.

C. 12th and Canal Sts.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIVERSITY

Jany 14 3

Messrs. Longhead and Porter.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circulars with price list of Windows, Frames, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings &c with rate of discount for a large bill. Can you give me the price of best quality pine shingles in Cin?

Yours Resp'y
Thos. C. Steward Supt

32 Hannibal St.
Bet 5th and 6th Sts.

Jany 14 3

Messrs Jas Griffith and Son
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen,

Please send me your Circulars with price lists of Doors, Blinds, Windows, Frames, Mouldings &c., and give me your rate of discount from printed prices. What is the price of best quality pine shingles in Cin? Please give me the names and addresses of parties manufacturing Gas Machines Steam Heating apparatus &c. And oblige.

Yours Respy
Thos. T. Steward
Supt.

Hunt and Abigail Sts.
East of Broadway

Dear Sir [illegible] the

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

Can you give me the price of [illegible]

Cor. 22 Third Avenue &c

NO. A.M.A. ARCHIVES USE ONLY

Jan'y 14 3

H. R. Worthington
59 Beekman St.
New York.

Sir.

Please send me Circulars with price lists of your Steam Heating Apparatus Steam Pumps &c. And will you have the kindness to furnish me the names and addresses of parties who manufacture "Gas Machines" suitable for Hotels, Colleges &c.?

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward Supt.

Hydraulic Works.
59 Beekman St

Jany 14 3

Thos Gilpin & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen,

Pray have the kindness to send me your Circulars, with price lists of doors, windows, blinds, frames Mouldings &c, and give me your special rates on a large bill. What is the price of best quality pine shingles in Cin? Can you furnish me the names of parties manufacturing Steam Heating Apparatus, Gas Machines &c?

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward
Supt.

North side Canal St.
Bet. Elm and Plum Sts

[illegible]

Rib or checks.

Common inch boards straight edge 6 to 1[illegible]
inches wide and from 16 to 20 feet in length.
Best Quality Black Walnut [illegible] from
1 to 2½ inches thick, 6 to 20 inches wide, and 12
to 20 feet long.
Best Quality white ash 1 to 2 inches thick and
of any width or length.

I cannot yet tell the amount of lumber
needed for Science Hall. The building is to be
in the form of an "L", 128 feet long on

Jan'y 14 3

Meſs. Palmer and Haller
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circular with price lists of Doors, Windows, Blinds, Frames, Mouldings &c, and state what discount you will make from printed prices.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Supt

P.S.
Can you give me the price of best quality pine shingles?

Cor. 22d and Union Sts.

Dr. J. F. Loomis
Chattanooga
Tenn.

Dear Sir

At what price can you deliver lumber in Nashville of dimensions and kinds as follows:
Best Quality Pine Flooring 4 to 6 inches wide, either green or seasoned, dressed or undressed.
Joists 2 x 12 — 2½ x 12 — 3 x 12 — 2 x 10 and of [illegible]
fencing [illegible] from 16 to 24 [illegible]
Scantling 2 x 4 — 4 x 4 — 2 x 5 — 2 x [illegible]
4 x 6 and in lengths from 11 to 27 feet.
Finishing lumber from 1 to 2 inches thick, 6 to 16 inches wide, 13 to 20 feet long, and free from knots or checks.
Common inch boards straight edged, 6 to 18 inches wide, and from 16 to 20 feet in length.
Best Quality Black Walnut, dry or green, from 1 to 2½ inches thick, 6 to 20 inches wide, and 12 to 20 feet long.
Best Quality white ash 1 to 2 inches thick and of any width or length.
I cannot yet tell the amount of lumber needed for "Jubilee Hall." The building is to be in the form of an "L," 128 feet long on the

Jany 14 3

Mess. Mills Spellmire & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

Please send me your Circulars with price list of Blinds, Doors, Windows, Mouldings, Frames &c, and state what discount you make from printed prices when a large bill is purchased. What is the price of best quality pine shingles in Cincinnati? Can you give me the names of parties who manufacture Steam Heating Apparatus Gas Machines &c?

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward.
Sup.

372 West 3d St.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Jany 16 3

Mr. J. F. Loomis
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir.

At what price per M can you deliver Lumber in Nashville of grades and dimensions as follows:—

Best Quality pine flooring, 4 to 6 inches wide, either green or seasoned, dressed or undressed.

Joists 2 x 12 — 2½ x 12 — 4 x 12 — 2 x 10 and of different lengths from 16 to 24 feet.

Scantling 2 x 4 — 4 x 4 — 2 x 5 — 4 x 5 — 2 x 6 — 4 x 6 and in lengths from 11 to 27 feet.

Finishing lumber from 1 to 2 inches thick, 6 to 16 inches wide, 12 to 20 feet long, and free from sap knots, or checks.

Common inch boards straight edged, 6 to 18 inches wide, and from 16 to 20 feet in length.

Best Quality Black Walnut, dry or green, from 1 to 2½ inches thick, 6 to 20 inches wide, and 12 to 20 feet long.

Best Quality white ash 1 to 2 inches thick and of any width or length.

I cannot yet tell the amount of lumber needed for "Jubilee Hall." The building is to be in the form of an "L," 128 feet long on the

South front 145 feet on the East front, three stories high above the basement besides the Attic, to accommodate 160 boarders and cost $50.000. The basement is to be of stone, the rest of brick with stone trimmings. The building is to be heated by steam, and furnished throughout with water and gas fixtures. We "broke ground" Jany 1. — the 10th anniversary of Emancipation. The contract for making the Excavation was closed last week, and the work is progressing rapidly. I am building on Fort Gillem, north west of the city, where we have fifteen acres of very desirable land that cost $13100.

All well with us.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Jany 16 83

Mr. E. M. Winchester
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir.

At what price per M can you deliver lumber in Nashville of dimensions and grade as follows:—

Best quality pine flooring 4 to 6 inches wide, either green or seasoned dressed or unfinished.

Joists—2 and 2½ inches thick by 10 and 12 inches wide, and from 16 to 24 feet long.

Scantling 2 x 4 — 4 x 4 — 2 x 3 — 3 x 6 — 4 x 6 and in lengths from 11 to 22 feet.

Finishing lumber from 1 to 2 inches thick, 6 to 16 inches wide, 12 to 20 feet long, and free from sap, knots, or checks.

Common inch boards straight edged, 6 to 18 inches wide, and from 12 to 20 feet long.

Best quality Black walnut of different lengths and thickness.

Best quality white oak for finishing inside.

Also pine timber 6 x 12 — 12 x 12 — 10 x 14 and of different lengths from 20 to 42 feet.

Awaiting your reply I am
Yours Resp'y
Jno. B. [illegible]

Jany 16 3

Mr. S. W. Winchester
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir.

At what price per M can you deliver Lumber in Nashville of dimensions and grades as follows:—

Best Quality pine flooring 4 to 6 inches wide, either green or seasoned, dressed or undressed.

Joists 2 and 2½ inches thick by 10 and 12 inches wide, and from 16 to 24 feet long.

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Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward

Jany 17 3

R. K. Miller
Syracuse N. York.

Sir.

Your favor of 14 inst to the Secy of this University has just been handed me. In reply I beg leave to say, that during the month of December I was in New York city to prepare plans for our new University, and that an Architect was then employed to get up the drawings Specifications &c. I presume that work is about completed now, and I expect to go forward with the Construction of "Jubilee Hall" as rapidly as circumstances will allow. Please accept thanks for your interest in this matter.

Yours Respy.
Thos. C. Steward.
Supt.

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Jany 18 3

Gentlemen

Please send me your Circular and Price List of Gas Machinery.
Mess. Jas Griffith and Son referred me to you

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

Jany 1 3

Messrs McHenry & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circular and Price List of Steam Heating Apparatus and Gas Machinery.

Yours Respy
Jno. C. [illegible]

Jany 18 3

Mess. Kirkup and Sons
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circular and Price list of Steam Heating Apparatus and Gas Machinery.

Yours Resp
D Thos. C. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Jany 18 3

Gentlemen.

Please send me your Circular and Price list of Steam Heating Apparatus and Gas Machinery.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

To
Greenwood Pipe Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Jany 26 73

[illegible] Griffith [illegible] and March
[illegible] New York

Gentlemen:

[illegible] in freight
at once. [illegible] to give
[illegible] glass [illegible] the "[illegible]" for
windows "[illegible]" I am [illegible] in the sketch [illegible]
[illegible] Please state also what difference
you make in price between Segment head
Windows and the square head glass would

Very Respy

I have not yet received from the Architect the plans for "Jubilee Hall" but have let the contract for making the Excavation, and that work is now going on as fast as the weather will permit. I have secured the additional lot of land of seven acres for which a title will be made in a short time. With this we have 15 acres of land in the most desirable locality I think, in the vicinity of Nashville. While in New York I enclosed you [illegible] my letter to Bro Cravath giving location of Jubilee Hall on Fort Gillem lot. As soon as the plans are rec'd I shall let the contract for stone masonry and push the work as rapidly as circumstances will allow. You may rest assured I shall spare no effort to make it a first class building in every respect. Please let me hear from you. Most Truly Yours

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To Mr Geo L. White. Jan. 20, 1873

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Jas. Griffith And Son
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of yours of 16 inst enclosing Price List. As you omitted to fill blank under the caption "Price per window glazed" I am entirely in the dark on that point. Please state also what difference you make in price between Segment head windows and the square head, glazed.

Yours Respy
Thos. Steward

Jany 20 '83

Mess. Anderson Merchant and Marsh
244 Pearl St. New York.

Gentlemen,

Yours of 17 inst is rec'd. Please send me Circulars describing in detail the article you offer for sale for floors, pavement &c. Of what is it composed, how is it laid &c?

Yours Respy
Thos C Steward

Jany 25 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Selma Ala.

Dear Bro.

I am in receipt of your letters of 18th and 20th inst - the last enclosing checks for $ 4000 - My work on the foundation is not progressing rapidly on account of cold and stormy weather. I saw Wm P. Harding to-day in relation to Block No. 5 - He will not sell for one dollar less than the price first named. I shall leave that matter for you to decide when you come. Please write me at once as nearly as possible when you will be here, and by which route you will come. Do not fail to visit us before you return to New York. How far South do you expect to go on this trip?

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward.

Jany 30 3

Rev. Geo. Whipple.
59 Reade St. New York.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of 25 inst. is recd. The two Checks amounting to $4000. sent on 20 inst by Bro. Cravath, were duly recd. On Tuesday 28 inst in compliance with instructions from Br. Cravath then here, I purchased Block No. 5 containing $9\frac{613}{1000}$ acres, for $7000. cash, and applied the Check of $3250. in payment of same. The same day Mr. Cravath wrote you for money to pay balance. The check for $750. was cashed on 24 inst. I shall want $4000 more to pay on Battle & Brown Sch as soon as title is perfected. On the 1th I drew sight draft for $200. to enable me to purchase one of the Battle & Brown notes due 13th May next.

Yours Truly,

Thos. C. Steward.

Jany 31 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Jubilee Hall acct. for month of January. My work is progressing as favorably as could be expected with the unpleasant weather we have had for a month past.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward

Feby 3 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith five deeds for parties in Marion who purchased land of the Association. After they have been signed by Mr. Ketchum, please send them to Rev. A. T. Willis Marion Ala. By reference to the endorsement on my deeds to the Association, you will be able to fill the blanks on the margin of these deeds, as to Book - Page &c where recorded in the office of Judge of Probate. I trust you will find it convenient to have them signed and sent to Bro. Willis without delay.

Yours truly

Thos C Steward

Rev. G. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

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Jubilee Hall acct January 1873

To Advertising	7 50	
" Breaking Ground - Expense of	4 50	
" Horse & Carriage	1 25	
" Land - purchase of	4225	
" Labor	90 50	
" Stationery	5 10	
" Salary - on first Qr. 1873	50	
" Surveyor	22 50	
" Tools	7 75	
" Traveling Expenses	20	
" Telegrams	2 50	4416 90

Cr. By Cash

On hand last statement	58 20	
Rec'd per E. M. Cravath - check	500	
" " W. E. Whiting - sight draft	200	
" " E M Cravath - Check	4000	4858 20
Remaining on hand		441 20

be consulted [illegible] and [illegible], and in the mean
time shall [illegible] Peninsula [illegible]. I fully concur
in your views in relation to obtaining Robertson St.
on the East side, and also a 6 acre tract.
I have not seen the check from [illegible]
have heard from Mr. Ho[illegible] and engaged the

Feby. 23

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 21st from Atlanta was rec'd yesterday afternoon. I had just called on Dr. Russell and found that he would not sell the lots East of Fort Gillem at any price. Mr. Klein refuses to sell unless the Dr. will sell his at the same time. I suppose this ends the matter so far as these particular lots are concerned. The man owning the three lots on Robertson St., fronting on Phillips St. is in Louisville and will not return for two weeks or more. His agent has written him in relation to price &c, though he is authorized to sell at any time for $650. If he will take nothing less, I shall buy at these figures the last of this week. Would Bro. White like to join Bro. Bennett in the purchase of J. M. Harding's lot of 9 3/4 acres, west of Nos. 4 and 5 that the University owns? This is the lot you liked so well the last day you were out there. I have talked some with Bennett about buying the whole tract himself. You remember that it is a beautiful site, though the Theological, Medical and other buildings to be erected on No. 5 might obscure the view city-ward somewhat. If you wish me to get the refusal of this property until White can

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Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 1st inst from Atlanta was rec'd yesterday afternoon. I had just called on Dr. Russell and found that he would not sell the lots East of Fort Gillem at any price. Mr. Klein refuses to sell, unless the Dr. will sell his at the same time. I suppose this ends the matter so far as those particular lots are concerned. The man owning the three lots on Robertson St, fronting on Phillips St. is in Louisville and will not return for two weeks or more. His agent has written him in relation to price &c, though he is authorized to sell at any time for $650. If he will take nothing less, I shall buy at these figures the last of this week. Would Bro. White like to join Bro. Bennett in the purchase of J. M. Harding's lot of 9 3/4 acres, west of Nos. 4 and 5 that the University owns? This is the lot you liked so well the last day you were out there. I have talked some with Bennett about buying the whole tract himself. You remember that it is a beautiful site, though the Theological, Medical and other buildings to be erected on No. 5 might obscure the view city-ward somewhat. If you wish me to get the refusal of this property until White can be consulted please write at once, and in the mean time I will see Bennett about it. I fully concur in your views in relation to widening Robertson St. on the East side, and also as to shade trees. I have not recd the Check from Mr. Whipple. Have heard from Mr. Hatch, and expect the plans this week. Mr. Phillips has addressed Mr. Bennett a long letter about our "building Fisk University at his door." He says he feels "very sore", and thinks we have done "very wrong". We have recd Philadelphia papers that speak very highly of the "Singers." They seem to be doing well.

Yours Truly
Thos C. Steward

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was completed, and [illegible]
to engage in work among the [illegible]
[illegible] reply and I had that [illegible] the time
anxious for [illegible] work among [illegible] you will con-
sider his qualifications and special fitness
for the place. I presume you are acquainted with
the gentlemen [illegible] to whom he refers
Mr. Kimball and Case.

Yours truly
Frank C. Stewart.

Feb'y 6 3

E. T. Carson and Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen.

Your favor of 23 ult is rec'd. As soon as our plans are perfected I will write you further in relation to Gas fixtures. Pray have the kindness to give me the name of the General Agent of the "Doty Washing Machine" in your City. I wish to get a price list of these Machines, and thought I might accomplish my object in this way.

Yours Resp't
Thos. C. Steward

A. ARCHIVES UNIV.

Feby 10 3

Mr. W. E. Whiting
56 Reade St. New York

Dear Sir.

Yours of 5th inst enclosing Checks for $3500.00 and $500.00 on Jubilee Hall a/c is rec'd. Shall pay out the one for the larger amt. today, and place the other on deposit to use during present month. On receipt of this, please send another Check for $500. on same a/c.

Yours Respy
Thos C. Steward

Feb'y 10 '8

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Bro.

The enclosed letter from Rev. Levi B. Wilson was rec'd last Saturday. A portion of it was intended only for our family but I send it all to you. I have no intention or desire to reopen the question at present, of a change in the management of the University, and do not forward this letter for that purpose. I wrote Mr. Wilson that a change was contemplated, and asked ~~[illegible]~~ if he would like to engage in work among the colored people. You have his reply – and I ask that when the time arrives for making such change you will consider his qualifications and special fitness for the place. I presume you are acquainted with the gentlemen in New York to whom he refers – Drs. Kendall and Coe.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

Feby 12 3

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon of February 15. 1873, for furnishing the materials, and constructing the foundation and basement walls for Jubilee Hall. Plans and specifications can be seen in this Office. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Thos C. Steward
Supt

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Wm. E. Emerson Esq.
[illegible]

Yours of 25 inst in relation to trees for planting in Marion was duly received. And enclose the Plat of land deeded by Mr. Wright. These would be suitable for planting, to shade the plat near the College. I am expecting to cultivate some of the land purchased for the University, as it is already fenced and can be made profitable as a garden. If there are seeds of Good quality for distribution among the "Freedmen" in the South, can you send a supply of all kinds and me at once by Express. If not on hand, perhaps they can be obtained in New York to better advantage than here. I will take my "chances" to plant them soon. Please write me what is done in the matter so I will know what to do here.

We are glad to hear such good news from the "Jubilee Singers." The work is progressing as rapidly as the weather will allow.

Very truly Yours Thos. C. [illegible]

Febry 20 3

Miss D. E. Emerson
Dear Friend.

Yours of 8 inst in relation to deeds for parties in Marion, was duly received. Send herewith the Plat of land, desired by Mr. Whipple. I was unable until yesterday to find time to make the plat - hence the delay.

I am expecting to cultivate seven acres of the land purchased for the University as it is already fenced and can be made profitable as a garden. If there are seeds at Head Quarters for distribution among the "Missionaries" in the south, can you have a supply of all kinds sent me at once by Express? If not on hand, perhaps they can be obtained in New York to better advantage than here. It will take "right smart" to plant seven acres. Please write me what is done in the matter so I will know what to do here.

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Very truly Yours Thos. C. Steward

Feby 20 3

Messrs Perrin, Goff & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen.

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst in relation to a Dobys Washer. Pray have the kindness to send me Illustrated circulars with price list for the different sizes, and oblige.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

Feby 22 3

Joseph Nason and Co.
No. 61 Beekman St New York.

Gentlemen.

I am in receipt of your Catalogues and Price List with rates of discount. In the construction of "Jubilee Hall" I shall use a large amount of Piping of different kinds and sizes, and I wish to know if you cannot make special rates to us below the regular rates. I shall want cast iron, and earthen pipe for drain pipes, sewers &c. Do manufacture these? If not please give me the names of parties with whom I can correspond in relation to these articles.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

Feby 22 3

Mr. W. E. Whiting
66 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 13 inst enclosing Check for $500. on Jubilee Hall a/c, was duly rec'd. Please send another Check for same amt. on receipt of this.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward

Feby 22

Messrs. Clark and Bro's.
Cannelton Ind.

Gentlemen.

Please send me a full price list of the different kinds of Pipe that you manufacture, and state what discount you make when a considerable amount is purchased. I shall soon be able to make out a list of the sizes that I will want in the construction of our University building and I trust you will make special rates. What size will I need for the main sewer to conduct the waste away from the building?

Yours Respy
Frank A. Stewart

Please give your [illegible] these points.
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[illegible] are [illegible] you have [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]

Feby 24

[illegible]
119 Broadway New York

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O. & M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
THE UNIV.

Feby 22 3

Mess. Spangler, Chalfant and Co.
Pittsburgh Penn.
Gentlemen.

Please send me your price list of wrought iron pipe with rates of discount &c. I shall need a large amount of this class of goods, for water, gas &c, in the New University Building, and I trust you will make special rates to us. Do you manufacture cast iron pipe for sewerage? If so please send me price list of same — if not can you give me the name of any part in your city who does make this kind of pipe?

Yours Respy
Thos C Stewart

Feby 24

Mr. S. D. Hatch
119 Broadway New York.

Dear Sir

In your Specifications for the Stone and brick work for Jubilee Hall you provide for laying the outside walls in Cement and the balance of the work in lime cement mortar. Now I wish to ask Do you consider this necessary in order to get a good job. Here [illegible] the walls [illegible] and [illegible] lime and sharp sand mortar. And will not the joints of this quality of mortar resist the action of the weather as long as the other materials of which the walls are composed? In this section of the Country Cement is very little used in ordinary brick work and never unless so required. In our work if Cement is used as indicated it will add to the cost of Stone work about $.20 per perch and to brick work about [illegible] per thousand or about $400. to the whole [illegible]. This will be done if necessary. You also provide for oiling the brick walls on the outside two coats and cleaning down with Aquafortis. The custom here is to clean the walls down with acid and pencil

Feby 27 5

Mr. S. D. Hatch
119 Broadway New York.

Sir.

I am in receipt of basement and first floor plans for "Jubilee Hall", also your letter of 6th inst saying that all the balance of the plans would be sent the following week. These *have not* been received.

On those already in hand you have marked the window openings 3'-0" — 3'-10" — and 5'-0". What size glass did you plan to use? Are the recesses in the rear walls intended for water closets? What do you mean in your Specifications by the term "Slate over all recesses &c where required and furnish all the mortar required for slating"? I see two places in the front wall of the building, in the Office and Sitting Room, that look like fire-places. What are they for? You have evidently made a mistake in the Center flight of stairs by giving them only 22'3" exclusive of the lower landing, as there are 27 steps each 12" wide. I hope the other plans will soon arrive. Please let me hear from you.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward

Leave off the "Rev." — I dont belong to that profession.

Feby 24 2

Mr. S. D. Hatch
119 Broadway New York.

Dear Sir.

In your Specifications for the Stone and brick work for Jubilee Hall, you provide for laying the outside walls in Cement and the balance of the work in half cement mortar. Now I wish to ask - do you consider this necessary in order to get a good job? Will not the walls stand as firmly laid in rich lime and sharp-sand mortar? And will not the joints of this quality of mortar, resist the action of the weather as long as the other materials of which the walls are composed? In this section of the Country, cement is very little used in either stone or brick work, and never unless so required. In our work if cement is used as indicated it will add to the cost of Stone work about $2.00 per perch, and to brick work about $3.00 per thousand - or about $4000. to the whole cost. This will be done if necessary. You also provide for oiling the brick walls on the outside two coats and cleaning down with aquafortis. The custom here is to clean the walls down with acid, and pencil [illegible]

Please give me your views on these points. I have already awarded the stone contract but can substitute cement for lime mortar if best, by paying the difference in cost. The brick contract is ready so soon as I have answers to the above questions. Please give me the price per bbl of cement in New York, and what it adds to the cost of work. Also give the price of oil, and the additional cost where a brick wall is finished with this. With these facts, and your views on the different matters alluded to, and I shall be able to act understandingly Hoping for a prompt reply, I am

Yours Truly

Thos C Steward

Feby 27 '83

Michael Hoey
Knoxville Tenn.

Sir.

In reply to my advertisement in the Nashville Banner for a Gardener, your friend Francis Hewer writes me under date of Feby 22, that you would like a situation of this kind. I have seven acres of very good land just outside the city of Nashville well fenced, and in good condition for cultivating. I wish to let some person on this land and give me a share of what is made. The land has not been plowed this season, but has been under cultivation heretofore. Hoping to hear from you, I am

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward

Care Col. T. McGrath
Lock Box 257
Knoxville Tenn.

Mch. 1 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Jubilee Hall acct. for month of February. I have awarded the contract for building the basement story of Jubilee Hall, and work of quarrying stone has been commenced. But for the cold stormy weather, we should have made considerable progress by this time on that part of the building.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward.

Z.A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO.

[illegible] 3

Messrs. A. Merchant and Co.
244 Pearl St. New York.

Gentlemen.

I have not rec'd the package by Express that you sent on 2[illegible] Jany, containing designs of Encaustic tiling. The Dining Room in our new University will be 38 x 90 inside, and the main front Hall on first floor 128 ft long. I have thought it would be well to floor these with your tiling provided the cost is not too great. This will be a good chance to introduce your tiling in this section of the Country; and in view of the fact that this is an Educational Institution I trust you will make special terms. With the designs and your best rates I shall be able to decide on the question.

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Mch 6 3

Mr. W. E. Whiting
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 26 ult. enclosing check for $500. on Jubilee Hall a/c is rec'd. On receipt of this, please send me $1000.00 on same a/c. About the last of this month I shall want $4750.00 to pay balance on Lot No. 4 purchased of Battle and Brown. You need not send the amount last named until I write you further in relation to it.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Mch. 8 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Savannah Ga.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 6 inst from Atlanta is just rec'd. I am glad to hear of your safe journey thus far, and to know that you find things working satisfactorily. We have had a great deal of cold and storming weather since you were here, and yet my work is progressing. A few days after you left I went to see Mr. Watkins — owner of the land south of Lot No. 81 — about opening Robertson St. from the University land to the Railroad. I rec'd very little encouragement at first, but the matter has been followed up as fast as seemed best until the first of the present week, when the old man decided to open said street 50 feet wide through his land, and build fences on both sides at his own expence. I am feeling very good over this result. I shall commence at once to build the bridge across the ravine. John Perry the colored man was awarded contract for stone masonry in basement and cellar and he is getting along well quarrying stone. I will send to New York a piece of stone of the quality I have decided to use in the foundation walls. The lots on Robertson St. that I wanted for Jubilee Singers were not secured. I offered the same price—$630— to his agents, and was sure the trade was closed. A colored man Harris employed Judge Lawrance to buy the same lots for him. Bro Bennett knew what Lawrance was doing and told him I was expecting to get the lots for the Singers. The owner of the land was in Louisville, and on his return Lawrence was on the lookout with deed already made out to Harris, and before his agent had time to report that he had sold the lots to me for $630. Lawrance made them fast at $600. I questioned Lawrance about the transaction and he replied that Jubilee Singers were no more to him than other people.

I have bought two lots on Robertson St. farther south and hope to get two more. I will take three out of four of these lots for myself if you will aid me as proposed when you were here — by advancing on salary. Will write further particulars this evening.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

P—

Your drawers are here and will be sent

Mch. 10 3

Mr. J. F. Loomis,
Dear Bro.

Which do you consider the best timber for joists, studding, rafters &c. White oak of the best quality cut from large logs, or best quality yellow pine? Which of the two would you use for flooring, provided the price was the same? I can get No. 1 white oak timber 20 feet long and under delivered on the building site for $16. per M. White oak flooring of best quality in rough delivered at any planing mill in the city at $17. per M board measure - perhaps face measure. Can get the same dressed for $7. per M and delivered on Fort Gillem. As an evidence that this lumber is cut from large logs, I saw in yard oak plank 3 in. thick and 34 in. wide. I will have a chance this week to buy 10.000 feet flooring that has been cut nine months, for $17. delivered at mill.

Give me your judgement in the matter. Pine from Gadsden or thereabouts will cost $20.00 per M, under 20 feet long, and flooring about $24.00

We are all well.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

Jubilee Hall acct. February 1873.

To	Advertising	10.60
"	Expressage	1.
"	Horse - expenses of	10.35
"	Land	3501.50
"	Labor	503.60
"	Office furniture	31.75
"	Stationery and Stamps	6.55
"	Telegraphing	6.10
		4071.25

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	By	Cash on hand last statement	441.30
10	"	Checks from W. E. Whiting	4000.
17	"	Check " " " "	500.
			4941.30

Remaining on hand	870.05

ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Mch. 18 3

Messrs. Kile and Hollingsworth.
Gadsden Ala.

Gentlemen.

At what prices can you deliver lumber in this city, of the following lengths? joists and scantling under 20 feet
" " " from 20 to 25 ft.
" " " 25 to 30 "
Also give me your price of best quality flooring delivered in Nashville, surface measure.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Stewart.

Mch. 19 3

Mr. W. P. Dale.
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 17 inst is rec'd. As soon as I complete my bills for lumber for Jubilee Hall, I will send you a copy for your proposal. The contract will be awarded to the party who will furnish the best lumber, most promptly, for the least money. These are the conditions.

Yours Respy

Thos C. Steward
Supt. Con.

Mch 20 3

Mr. S. D. Hatch
119 B'way New York.

Dear Sir.

In making the excavation for Jubilee Hall, I shall be obliged to go six or eight feet deeper than I had expected, in order to find solid stone foundation on which to start the walls. I had intended to build a cellar under a portion of the basement of the East wing, and it has occurred to me that I can utilize the balance of this vacant space in this way. Pave the bottom of the apartments formed by building the outside and partition walls, then plaster with the best quality of cement the bottoms and sides of these apartments and use them for cisterns. I shall need a large amount of storage room for water, and unless I use this space I will have to pay the expense of digging, walling and plastering cisterns in other places, while here I am obliged to pay for excavation and walls in order to get my foundation. The only cost then of my cisterns under the basement, will be that of plastering. But in order to protect the basement floor timbers from dampness and decay, I have thought of arching these apartments with brick

Mch 20 3

Mr. A. S. Hatch
119 B'way New York.

Dear Sir.

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Yours Resp'y

Fred. C. Steward

just high enough so that the arch can be turned below the basement floor sleepers. By this means I will have several large, complete cisterns, at about one fourth the cost of building them elsewhere on the premises. Near the top of each I can have a waste pipe, leading into the main sewer, so that there will be no danger of overflow. The only question with me is, will these cisterns in this locality, in any way be a damage to the foundations of the building, if properly built and cemented? All my cellar and basement walls, both outside and partition walls, to the top of the basement story, are to be of stone. To the height of the lower side of basement floor sleepers, the walls will be three feet thick, thence upward to the top of story two feet thick. Please give me your views in relation to the cisterns, at once, as I shall soon be ready to begin the foundation walls. One of the largest manufacturing establishments in this city has a cistern under it 30 x 40 feet. Also under the largest Hotel here is a cistern, and in neither case has there been any trouble with the walls.

Yours Respy

Thos C. Steward

Mch. 22 3

Dear Bro. Ware.

Yours of the 19 inst is received. We expect to heat every room in Jubilee Hall with steam, with the exception perhaps of some of the basement apartments. In the sleeping rooms on 2d - 3d and 4th floors, it will be necessary to have only small radiators. While in New York this winter, I conferred with a manufacturer of Steam Heating apparatus in relation to our building, but he could tell me nothing definite until the drawings were completed so that an estimate could be made on amount of pipe needed. We expect to have a steam pump for supplying the building with water, and to employ in case of fire - and will probably have a small engine also for laundry and other purposes. I cannot now give you anything definite regarding the cost of this apparatus. I expect to go to Cinti. and Chicago next week or the week after, and whatever information I get on this matter I will give you on my return. We are glad of your success in securing the $8000, and also to know that your school is prospering. Our building moves steadily on - Not much to be seen yet. Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward.

No. A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Mch. 26   3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 14 inst from Savannah was duly rec'd. I have not written you since until now. The last two weeks before this we had very fine weather for work – did not lose a day in that time. I found it necessary to make the excavation about six feet deeper than was at first intended, in order to get a suitable foundation for Jubilee Hall. It does not seem to me best to construct so large a building on anything less substantial than solid rock. A portion of the space under the basement I expect to divide into apartments of suitable size for cellar rooms. Under the balance of the building I have thought of locating the cisterns, provided it can be done without injury to the building. Have written Mr. Hatch in relation to it. After we have paid for making the excavation and building the walls — below what is needed for basement — good cisterns can be made by arching these apartments with brick to preserve the floor timbers from dampness, and cementing the inside thoroughly. There is a cistern under the Cotton Factory here 20 feet wide by 40 long. Also a very large one built in the basement of the Maxwell House in this city. In neither case is the building damaged

The excavation for Jubilee Hall is not yet completed but will be in time for the stone mason to begin. Mr. Terry is doing well getting out stone for the foundation and basement. I hope you may see the basement under way when you come to Commencement. The question now is, do you want the stone walls laid in cement? My contract is for mortar composed of one part lime of best quality and two parts of clean, fine, sharp sand. There is no one here that likes to ~~take~~ contract to put in cement, as the price of that article varies so much. My contractor will put up the walls with cement if I will furnish it, and deduct the price of the lime and sand mortar. I can get cement now by the 50 bbls, for $2.60 per bbl. delivered at the depot. Please settle this question right away so that my work will not have to stop. I have awarded the brick contract to Harrison and Taylor. There was one other bid the same as theirs, but I think these parties make the best brick. They built the cotton factory. They contract to begin the work as soon as the basement walls are completed, and finish within ninety days from date of begining. They are to put the best quality of hand pressed hard burnt brick on the outside of all the walls chimneys, dormers &c, around the entire building, and build the balance of the walls of best quality of hard burnt brick. All the brick work is to be done for ten dollars per thousand including pressed brick, and the Contractor is then to deduct $200 — from the whole amount to be paid him, instead of cleaning the walls. I have contracted with a painter to take the walls as left by the mason, clean down with acid oil two coats with best quality boiled linseed oil, and pencil with white paint. This part of the work is to be done for $\$2^{40}$ per square of 100 feet, counting only the brick work, leaving out all openings for windows and doors, and all cut stone work, and the contractor furnishes all materials. There will be about 200 squares It is estimated that there will be 800.000 brick in the building. This will make the brick work cost when completed, $10.35 per thousand. The usual way of finishing brick buildings here, is to clean the walls and pencil with whitewash. I required the brick Contractor to give bond in the sum of $16.000. with two securities, and the stone contractor a bond for $10.000 with three securities. Mr. Watkins proves to be a man of few words, but prompt to act. The new street is open across his land and good fence built on both sides. The County Court convenes on first Monday in April, and I expect to make application for aid in grading Robertson St, building the bridge &c. We must have water on Fort Gillem. One man proposes to furnish pipe – one inch – and lay the same from the nearest city pipe, which is 3618 feet distant, for $1100. Bro. Bennett and I went before the City Council with a petition to get permission to attach a pipe to the City duct in case we desire to do so. Unanimously granted. Yesterday a party came to me with a proposition to furnish the building with water in a much better and cheaper way – so he says. I will look into the matter. Bennett and Hopkins think we should have the water there even at a cost of $1100. If carried there right away the Contractors will pay us for water instead of hauling it as they expected to do, and this will reduce the first cost somewhat. Hatch has disappointed me several times about the plans. I wish he would be more prompt, or else make me no more promises. I ought to have gone to Cin. and Chicago this week, but have not received what he promised to send three weeks ago. You must not expect me to be on time when others are so far behind. Unless I get the balance of the plans and Specifications very soon, some branches of my work will clash.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Mch 27 3

Mr. A. E. Whiting.
Asst. Treas. Am. Miss. Asn.
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 18th inst enclosing Check for $2000. is recd. Accept thanks.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

April 1 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Enclosed I hand you Jubilee Hall a/c for month of March. I purchased four lots on Robertson St. beginning 250 feet south of Jackson St. each 102 feet deep by 50 feet front. Cost $95620 all cash excepting $200 for which I gave note payable in six months. I paid for these lots from Jubilee fund and have reported the amount as on hand. Bro. White wrote me recently that Misses Porter and Sheppard would take each one lot, and he the other two. Said he would forward the money in a few days. Purchased a lot for myself on west side Salem St. west of the last lot bought for the University. Price $990. One third cash and the balance in one and two years. Have drawn on salary the balance due to Mch 31, and $150. in advance — by your consent. I have secured for the University the church lot located in the north east corner of Fort Gillem lot. The deed has been signed by both Trustees, and all the Hardings here except one. When I get his name, will send the deed to J. J. Harding in La. for his signature. When the title is perfected, I am to pay $582 cash

This is a little more than the lot is worth, but the parties controlling it had decided to divide the lot and sell to any one who would buy. The rear of the lots would be nearly on our east front, and to have a lot of outbuildings so near Jubilee Hall would be exceedingly annoying. I could not reach you by letter at the time, but felt confident you would approve the purchase at that price, under the circumstances. Bennett and Hopkins thought best to buy. Rec'd a letter yesterday from Hatch. He approves my plan for having the cisterns under Jubilee Hall.

Shall I get white marble for the Corner stone? What shall be the inscription thereon? Do you think best to have it on the top of the basement wall, or ~~in~~ the wall a little above the ground? I hope the building will be far enough advanced by the last of May, to have the exercises of laying the corner stone at the close of Commencement. There is much to be done in the short space of eight weeks if this is accomplished.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward.

P.S. I have [illegible] you by Ex. a piece of stone of the kind to be worked into the foundation of Jubilee Hall

Apr'l 3

Mr. Geo. L. White.
Dear Bro.

Yours of 28 ult is rec'd. The lots already purchased, are very desirable I think. If however you want from two to four acres, these are not large enough. Are you particular on which side of the Hall you are located? There is but one piece of land in front that can be bought by the acre. I will get the price of that today, and write you in relation to it. On the west and north west there is vacant land. Bro. Cravath can tell you of the outlook in all directions. The Smith property immediately in front of Jubilee Hall that could be bought for $8800. Four months ago, he gave up at $7800. If two more of the singers want lots, and will take those on Robertson St. I will try and get land for you elsewhere. I will make some calculations about houses for Maggie and Ella, and write you. I paid for all these lots from Jubilee money — excepting $700 note — and have made no deed. If it is wrong in any respect, as I expected the money would soon be refunded. The work progresses — I am greatly crowded. Will write you again before you leave for Europe.

Yours truly
Geo. C. Howard

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. ____ FISK UNIV.

April 1 3

Mr. Geo. L. White.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 25 ult is rec'd. The lots already purchased, are very desirable I think. If however you want from two to four acres, these are not large enough. Are you particular on which side of the Hall you are located? There is but one piece of land in front that can be bought by the acre. I will get the price of that today, and write you in relation to it. On the west and north west there is vacant land. Bro. Cravath can tell you of the outlook in all directions. The Smith property immediately in front of Jubilee Hall that could be bought for $5500. four months ago, has gone up to $7.800. If two more of the Singers want lots, and will take those on Robertson St. I will try and get land for you elsewhere. I will make some calculations about houses for Maggie and Ella, and write you. I paid for all these lots from Jubilee money — excepting $200 note — and have made no acct. of it in my report, as I expected the money would soon be refunded. The work progresses — I am greatly crowded. Will write you again before you leave for Europe.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

April 4   3

Mr. Geo. L. White.

Dear Bro.

I send you this day a Plat of the University lands recently purchased, and other land in the immediate vicinity. Lots 11-13-15 and 17 on the east side of Robertson St. are those of which I wrote you. These are all desirable where a person only wants a small parcel of land. Since learning that you want from 2 to 4 acres for yourself, I have canvassed the neighborhood of Fort Gillum thoroughly. Good land can be bought within half a mile on the northwest, and also on the east, fronting Salem St. between Jefferson and Heffernan Sts, and on south side of St. last named. From none of these points can the city of Nashville be seen. Farther south, on west side of Salem, between Florence and Hermosa Sts. is the lot of Chas. White, containing two acres, that can be bought. Mrs. Stewards lot covers the highest point in that vicinity excepting the Fort. From that lot of Mrs. S point south to Hermosa St. there is a decline of about four feet to one hundred. From the first story floor of a house on the front of the White lot, one could see all of Jubilee Hall from the first floor upward, all the beautiful land scope north and northwestwardly from Ft. Gillem and all of the city of Nashville that can be seen from Jubilee Hall. The owner of this lot is a colored man, in very good circumstances so that he is not obliged to sell, and cares very little about doing so. His price is $163⅓ one third down, a second third next Sept, and the balance one year from Sept. Bro. Bennett and Mrs. Steward have seen this lot, and agree with me that it is very desirable. I paid for Mrs. Stewards lot $900. per acre, and it is impossible to get anything good in that vicinity in small lots for less than five dollars per front foot. This lot is part of the open tract that Bro. Cravath so much admired while out there the last time.

I am very anxious that you should have a good location in sight of Jubilee Hall. At the same time I do not like to assume the responsibility of making the selection where so much money is to be invested. If you will give me fuller particulars of what you want, I will have Bennett & Hopkins, Miss Gaulty and Mrs. Steward, aid me in selecting a lot for you. White gives me until 18 Apr. to decide in relation to his. Tell me what amount of money you expect to invest, and whether you care to have both city and country views. Please write me before you leave. Yours truly Thos. C. Steward.

April 5 — 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 1 inst enclosing check for $4.750. on Jubilee Hall a/c is rec'd. Chancery Court meets next Monday, but they will hardly reach our case before the middle or last of the week. I will hold the check until it is needed. In writing for just this amount and stating to Mr. Whiting that it was to pay balance on Battle & Brown lot, I did not at the time think of the note for $800. that was purchased during the winter, and will be applied in payment of this balance. Am getting on well in the excavation, and with quarrying stone. When sure I am on the right foundation, I will go ahead with the walls. I trust Mr. Hatch will have all the balance of my plans and specifications here, so that immediately after the adjournment of the County and Chancery Courts I can get off to Chicago. I have given up closing Harding St. between Fort Gillem and the Battle Lots. It will be greatly to our advantage to let that matter rest at least for the present.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

April 3

Messrs. W. & B. Douglas
Middletown Conn.

Gentlemen.

I am in possession of your Illustrated Catalogue containing a presentation to Rev. G. D. Pike Manager of the "Jubilee Singers" to furnish anything in your line to the University free of charge.

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Yours Respy
Theo. C. Steward
Supt. of Construction

April 7 3

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Windows for Jubilee Hall.

First Story – Thickness of wall 2½ bricks.

Size of openings	No. of lights	Size of glass
3 x 8 – 10"	8	13 x 24
3-10 x 8 – 10"	12	12 x 24
5' x 8 – 10" Double	16	9 x 24

Second Story – Thickness of wall 2 bricks

3 – x 7-10"	8	13 x 22
3-10" x 7-10"	12	12 x 22
5' x 7-10" Double	16	9 x [illegible]

Third Story – Thickness of wall 1½ bricks

3 x 6 -10"	8	13 x 20
3-10" x 6-10"	12	12 x 20
5' x 6 -10" Double	16	9 x 20

All the sash and outside of frames to be segment head, inside of frames to be square head.
All the frames and sash throughout to be of white pine. All box frames, with check rail or lip sash, glazed. All the jams in first and second stories to be panneled – those in third story plain. All casings in first story windows to be 8 inches wide, with heavy

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Mouldings - both casings and mouldings to be of yellow pine, ash, or oak

Casings of 2d story windows to be 6 inches wide, those of 3d " 5 inches wide - all moulded

Both casings and mouldings in 2d and 3d stories to be of white pine

Pulleys for weights in all the windows to be furnished and set

All the lumber to be well seasoned and of the best quality

Best quality American glass to be used.

About 250 windows in the building

Please bid by the window on different sizes; with frame and all complete

This Contract does not include setting the frames or casing the windows inside

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Supt. of Construction

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Doors for Jubilee Hall

Thickness of walls in first story 6 and 9 inches.
" " " " 2 and 3 " 6 inches.

Transoms over all the doors in building.

The frames in each story to be cased and moulded to correspond - both as to width of casing and kind of wood - with the windows of that story. All doors throughout the building to be 4 panel raised panel on both sides. All doors in first story to have raised moulding on one side, and a portion of them with raised moulding on both sides. Doors in 2^d and 3^d stories to be O. G. 4 panel. Doors and frames to be of best quality white pine.

Thickness	Size	
1 3/4 inches	3 × 8	1st Story
1 3/8 "	3 × 7-6"	2^d "
" "	3 × 7	3^d "

This Contract does not include setting and casing the frames, or hanging the doors.

Please bid by the door, frame and all complete of different sizes.

Thos. C. Steward
Supt. of Construction

April 14. 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 9inst is received. I wrote you that it would cost $1100. to connect Fort Gillem with the City water pipe. This is for one inch pipe, and all parties here, who have had experience in such matters, fear that the water will not go there in pipe of that size although the Fort is about 14 feet lower than the Reservoir. If we were to get water from the City, we could not dispense with cisterns, as the water would only run into cisterns at best. If we can afford a two or three inch pipe there is little doubt but the water would go there. I have contracted with a party here to drill a well near the new building, for $150. He has found where two streams cross, and proposes to drill at the crossing. If he finds water sufficient to supply the building I am to pay him $250. in addition to the amount first named. I require him to test the well by applying a pump for 15 hours. If the water does not give out in that time, and stands the same test through July and August, he is to receive the last named sum — otherwise not. There seems little doubt but he will get a well worth $150. and if a large stream can be found as in the case of a distillery, and tannery in this city, we will have a supply of pure water at much less cost than in any other way. As we are to have steam in the building for heating purposes, a steam pump can be made to do the work very cheaply. As the foundation will be constructed, we can have cistern room for 2000 bbls if desired, at very small cost. As there will be a large amount of roof water, it will be best to provide for storing it. The city will not supply us free. As the law now stands we could be charged double the city rates as we are outside the corporation, but I have been assured by the Chairman of water Com. and also by the Supt. of Water works that only single rates would be collected. This is the best we can hope to do under the present administration of city affairs. You say that "good mortar is sufficient for the basement." By this I suppose you mean only lime and sand mortar without any cement. I certainly do not object to coloring the mortar for penciling. I cannot get a granite block for corner stone, but can find a quality quite as durable, and differing in color from the foundation walls. You failed to answer any question relating to the inscription for the Corner stone. Do you want name of building, date of erection, names of Architect and builder, or neither of these, or what? I am doing all in my power to get ready to lay the Corner stone 29 May in the afternoon, but am not sure it can be accomplished. Allow me to express my desire — It is that you should lay the Corner stone and Bro. Whipple if present offer prayer on that occasion. In arranging the programme, others can be assigned to other parts. The lot between Chas. White lot and mine, is claimed by two parties and if settled will probably be purchased by Bro. Bennett. He has had it in mind for some time. By the way, would it not be well to secure a piece of land and hold in reserve for a President of the University? The desirable lots are being taken up rapidly, and within a year from this time it will hardly be possible to get such an one near the University. I think the Kline lots can be bought now for $900. or $1000. You remember they are just East of Jubilee Hall fronting on Short St.

I expect to start to Chicago this afternoon, to return the last of the week, or first of next

My work is in shape to go on during my absence. Matters in both Courts are very favorable. Jo will draw money on checks sent by Mr. Whiting for Jubilee Singers, and deposit same in First National Bank with Jubilee fund, and make deeds when I return. No time for it to day.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

April 25 — 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Before I left New York in Dec. Mr. Hatch told me I should have all the plans for Jubilee Hall by the first of Feby. On the 10 of that month I rec'd the basement and first floor plans, and a letter of the 6th saying that all the balance would be sent the next week. Nearly one month later he sent another installment of plans, and on the 8 of March wrote me — "Will send you all the residue of the stone work &c the coming week." Another month passed without receiving anything from Hatch, and on the 10th of April I asked him about the plans and specifications. He replied that "all will be sent next week." The work was coming on in such shape I felt obliged to go north at once and arrange for the wood work and cut stone trimmings. So I telegraphed Mr. Hatch on evening of 10 inst "have plans and specifications in Chicago care Goss and Phillips by Wednesday 16th without fail." I supposed of course if he could not comply with my request, he would notify me by telegraph at once. Heard nothing from him, and Monday afternoon 14, started for St. Louis and Chicago, reaching the latter city Wednesday morning.

Nothing from Hatch, I ~~we~~ succeeded after three days work in making up an estimate for doors windows, frames &c. from the plans already in hand that I took from home. I came via Columbus Ohio, inspected some of the State Asylums there in process of erection, and already completed, and reached home Wednesday evening, 23. Feb. Yesterday I rec'd a package by Express from Chicago and letter saying it arrived there late Friday night after I left. This contained a lot of pencil sketches that I suppose Hatch intended as a part of the drawings for Jubilee Hall. It would have been better for his reputation if he had kept his name off these papers, and just as well for Jubilee Hall if the whole lot had been burned before reaching here. With one exception, they contain very little but pencil marks. Lines and figures have been partially erased and others made over them, and then the whole face scribbled over as though the children had had access to them. In some very important matters they do not agree with either the plans previously sent, or the pictures as published in the March Missionary, so that I do not know which to rely upon. On the 22 of Feby I wr. to Hatch asking some information about the plans, and among other things what size glass he planned the windows for. This question has never been answered. On one of the papers rec'd yesterday, several of the large windows are marked differently from the former plans. This will necessitate a change in much of the work I did in Chicago. His contract with me was to furnish a full set of drawings, floor plans, elevations, sectional views &c for my office use, and duplicates of the same for use at the building by the contractors, and that all these should be on linen. I have received duplicates of only two floors, and these on heavy paper inconvenient for handling anywhere. Nearly one half the drawings already sent me, are on the same quality of heavy paper, and so badly scratched and marked that the outlines are very indistinct. A gentleman of this city who wished to bid on the cut stone work has worked for three days on the last drawings rec'd and is about ready to give up the undertaking. Another party has made up an estimate on a portion of this work as nearly as he can from the drawings, and added twenty five per cent for near in because he is not certain how the work is to be done. If I had the perspective to refer to, it would aid very much, but this has never been rec'd. I had an Architect here last week to help me on the last lot of drawings, but after two hours study he confessed his inability to explain. I have consulted this gentleman on several previous occasions, and found him always willing to give information. Hatch has sent me Specifications of a very general character — the full details, notes and explanations he agreed to furnish, have not been rec'd. No drawing of the roof has yet been furnished. I presume Hatch will tell you that I have hurried him so much he has not had time to do better work. No excuse of this kind will answer my purpose. When I engaged him to do the work he fixed his own time for having it completed, and if when that time was out and there was a good excuse for the delay he had written me of it, I would not say a word. Instead of this he promised me repeatedly by letter and telegraph that all would be sent "next week." On the strength of these promises I made engagements with parties and disappointed them again and again

until some of them are thoroughly disgusted. I have written to Chicago to suspend work on the frames, until I have time to reconcile the differences between the last plans rec'd, and those we had for reference when I was there. Of course this will delay that branch of the work. The cut stone work cannot be contracted for until contractors can understand what they are doing. I shall push the basement stone work as rapidly as possible. There is no time to be lost if Jubilee Hall is enclosed before cold weather next fall. Now unless Hatch will make up the drawings as he agreed to do, on linen, in duplicate, giving full details in every branch of the work, I wish he would say plainly and at once that he will not, and give time for employing another Architect. And I protest against paying him one dollar until he has carried out his part of the contract for this work.

Yours truly

Thos C. Steward.

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April 28 3

Goss and Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

Please suspend work on the frames for basement story of Jubilee Hall, until I write you further in relation to them. I find that some slight changes are necessary and must have time to work them out. You will hear from me very soon.

Yours Respy,
Thos C. Steward.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

April 28 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 16 and 17 were rec'd on my return from the north Wednesday evening last, and that of 23 has since come to hand. I will purchase the White lot as soon as the papers can be made out. I paid for two of the lots on Robertson St. $500. and the other two $450. Mrs. Tate will take one, Maggie Porter one, and Ella Sheppard can have the other two. Smith now asks for his property in front of Fort Gillem $8000. Last fall the price was $6500. I do not know what kind of water the well will afford. Some wells in that vicinity are hard lime water, and others soft water. We will have cisterns and save all the rain water, and this can be used in the boiler. By the way, I have been thinking of having the boiler located in a small building by itself about 75 feet away from Jubilee Hall. No change in the plans will be necessary if this is done, as the chimney can be just where it would be in the other case. Of course we shall have everything as safe as possible but boilers do explode sometimes when great care is taken to prevent it, and if such a thing should occur with the boiler under the building a it would probably cause a great loss of life besides demolishing about one half the building. A small brick one story house can be constructed that will answer for boiler and Coal rooms, far enough from Jubilee Hall so that if an explosion should occur it would do very little damage. Please give me your views in relation to it as soon as convenient. I am doing my best to get ready for laying the corner stone on the last day of Ann, 29th of May, but cannot tell before the 15 or 20 whether it can be accomplished. I have asked Prof. Spence to leave Thursday afternoon 29 open, and if ready we could lay the corner stone at that time. I had planned before receiving your last letter, to do just the thing you suggest — ~~build~~ up the front corner of the basement. I shall be very sorry if it is so that Bro. Whipple cannot come with you.

Yours truly
Thos C. Steward.

Have you sent Bro. Willis the money to pay last note on farm at Marion? It is $1200. with interest two years at 8 %.

T. C. S.

April 20 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I have gone far enough with the Contracts for Jubilee Hall to satisfy me that this building cannot be erected and completed for $50.000. I shall not be greatly surprised if it costs fifteen or twenty thousand above this sum. I write of this now, so that there may be no blame attached to me for not making it known. Building materials are cheaper here than in any city in the north I have visited. This is a large building and there is much expensive work to be put on it that will add to the cost, without adding anything whatever to its appearance or durability. The cornice designed for Jubilee Hall will cost not less than $6000. During my last visit in the north, I examined buildings lately constructed and in process of erection, in Chicago and other cities, costing from $50.000. to $2.500.000, each, and in no case has stone been used for cornice, ~~and~~ but the walls are badly damaged, always damp because not sufficiently protected, and the roofs and cornices are almost constantly needing repairs. One of the Ohio State Asylums at Columbus, erected in 1867 at a cost of $250.000, has a cornice almost exactly like that planned for Jubilee Hall. From the appear-

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area of the outside walls; one would think they were 20 years old. Workmen were repairing the building when I was there, and had been for some time. I consulted several Architects and practical builders in the north on this matter, and without a single exception they advised that stone be not used for cornice. The reasons given were first, that it does not sufficiently protect the walls — secondly, that it is much more expensive than either iron or wood. I cannot yet understand why Hotch is so much in favor of stone cornice. Had he shown more interest in our building by getting up the drawings that were accurate and respectable, I should now have more confidence in his judgement and taste. Mr. Brown — of the firm of Swan and Brown — spent three hours in my office this afternoon, with a view of bidding on the Cut stone work, but left without making a figure, saying that he would not attempt to make up an estimate from these drawings. I undertook to save $1000. by giving this work to Hotch, but I fear we shall lose three or five times that amount before the building is completed, through delays and mistakes. I should not shrink from the responsibility of putting up Jubilee Hall, if suitable drawings and specifications were furnished me. The Officers of the Association, and the friends of the Cause everywhere

who know anything of the jubilee singers and what they are raising money for, expect this to be a *model* building, as near perfect in all its arrangements, the workmanship &c, as any of its kind in the country. It is being extensively advertised all over this country and Europe, that such a building is to be constructed, and I *do* *not* want the people disappointed. I am more anxious to make it a success than anything I ever undertook in my life.

As an outfit for this very important work, I have been furnished with a miserable cheap lot of drawings and specifications, that would be dear at $150. and will only lead me into difficulty. It will be far better to expend $2000.- provided a less sum will not answer the purpose - in plans and details that are easily understood, than to attempt to follow these. I trust you do not think I blame you in this matter in the least, for I do not. I am not sure but it would have been better if we had employed an Architect nearer home. The basement stone work will go forward as rapidly as circumstances will permit, and whoever gets up the drawings can take these outlines and dimensions and go ahead. There is no time to be lost.

Yours truly Thos. C. Steward.

May 1 3

Mr. F. Klein
Memphis Tenn.

Sir.

Have you yet decided to sell your lots located on Short Street in the north-western part of this city? If so at what price and on what time? If you will sell on favorable terms, I may be able to find a purchaser for you. Awaiting your prompt reply, I am,

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward.

model

May 2. 3

Mr. A. P. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

At the price named in your letter of March 21 you may ship me at once One Car load posts 2x12x17 ft. long and " 2x12x24. "

I need this immediately and want the best quality of posts. I shall use in this building about 150.000 ft. of timber besides flooring and finishing lumber. I shall pay Cash on delivery in all cases. Expect the timber now ordered to be a fair sample of what you can furnish. Please write me at once if you can fill the order, and and forward the lumber as soon as possible. I can remit by N.Y. draft or Money order as you may prefer.

Yours Resp'y

Thos. C. Stewart
Supt. of Construction

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FISK UNIV.

May 2 3

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

At the prices named in your letter of March 21, you may ship me at once One car load joists 2 x 12 x 17 ft. long
and " " 2 x 12 x 24 " "
I need this __immediately__, and want the best quality of joists. I shall use in this building about 200.000 ft. of timber besides flooring and finishing lumber. I shall pay __cash on delivery__ in all cases. Expect this timber now ordered to be a fair sample of what you can furnish. Please write me at once if you can fill the order, and send forward the lumber as soon as possible. I can remit by N.Y. draft or Money order as you may prefer.

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward
Supt. of Construction

Jubilee Hall acct. March 1873

To Labor	1000.
" Salary - Supt.	350.
" Spring Wagon, harness &c	173.50
" Horse	9.15
" Drawing materials	4.50
" Stationery	4.10
" Postage	3.
" Express	1.50
" Miscellaneous	1.95
	1547.70

Cr.

By Cash on hand last Statement	870.00
" " from Jubilee fund	3500.
	4370.00
Remaining on hand	2822.30

May 2 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed Jubilee Hall a/c for April. The postage on Daily Banner to London, is $6.26 per year: Regular subscription price $10. The Proprietors agreed to send it one year for $14. and prepay the postage - This was the very best they would do.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

Jubilee Hall acct. April 1873

To Labor	1506.
" Trav. Ex. St. Louis, Chicago, Columbus & Cin.	76.50
" Daily Banner for Geo. L. White	14.
" Miscellaneous Expenses	21.00
	1618.

Cr.

By Cash on hand last Statement	2822.30
" " from Jubilee fund	4750.
	7572.30
	5954.30
Remaining on hand	

May 3 3

Goss and Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

I hand you enclosed a list of the frames for basement story of Jubilee Hall, in which I have noted the alterations I wish you to make. If possible I would like to have you ship me by the 15th inst, all the short frames in the list — down to a point marked thus # — and
2 of the 10 - 2/0 × 6/5
1 " " 5 - 5/0 × 6/5 at same time.

If you are shipping lumber &c. to Mr. McFarland please put these frames in — if not, send the frames by themselves. With these I can build up the basement walls in front and on one corner of the building, and get ready to lay the Corner Stone on the day appointed — 29 inst.

Please send balance of frames for the basement story by the 25 inst. You can make changes in size of glass, length of casings &c. to suit the changes I have made in frames. I suppose the window sash will be segment head as well as outside of frames although there was nothing said about this. I want them of that style.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. of Construction

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. ____
FISK UNIVERSITY

Below in the left hand column you will find given the size of the openings according to the old estimate, of windows and outside door in basement story of Jubilee Hall Fisk University. I wish you to change, and make according to figures in right hand column. I have changed the length of openings only, the width, and number of lights in each window remaining the same.

Old Estimate.	As wanted.
4 frames 12 x 20 - 3 lts 3'-10" opening	4 frames opening 3'-10" x 1'-10" high in center
4 " 10 x 20 - 3 " 3' "	4 " " 3' x 1'-10" " " "
2 Mull " 10 x 20 - 4 " 5' "	2 Mull " " 5' x 1'-10" " " "
2 " 12 x 22 - 3 " 3'-10" "	2 " " 3'-10" x 2'-9" " " "
2 box " 10 x 24 - 6 " 3' "	2 box " " 3' x 3'-8" " " "
1 Mull " 10 x 24 - 8 " 5' "	* 1 Mull box frame " 5' x 3'-8" " " "
14 Box " 12 x 16 - 12 " 3'-10" "	14 box frames " 3'-10" x 6'-5" " " "
10 " " 10 x 16 - 12 " 3' "	10 " " " 3' x 6'-5" " " "
5 Mull box 10 x 16 - 16 " 5' "	5 Mull box " " 5' x 6'-5" " " "
1 Plank door frame 6/0 x 8/6 jamb 22" Leg face	1 Plank door frame 6/0 x 8/3 " " "
2 " " frames 3/10 x 8/6 " " "	2 " " frames 3/10 x 8/3 " " "
1 " " " 2/0 x 8/6 " " "	1 " " " 3/0 x 8/3 " " "

Changes in my plans render these alterations necessary. In ascertaining the spring of the arches, please bear in mind that in all cases in both windows and doors, the radius of the circle is just the same as the width of the opening. My cut stone work will conform to this rule.

Thos. C. Steward
Supt. of Construction

May 7 3

Mr. W. S. Whiting
Asst. Treas. Am. Miss. Assn.
New York.

Dear Sir.

Your check for Forty seven hundred and fifty dollars on Jubilee Hall a/c dated April 1, will be put in Bank today. On receipt of this please send me fifteen hundred ($1500.) dollars on same a/c.

Yours truly
Thos. B. Steward
Supt. of Construction

May 9 3

Friend Moore.

Although I have been to Chicago I cannot give you the desired information in relation to Heating Apparatus for your buildings. I expect however to start to New York next Monday morning, and while there shall find out the best methods for heating public Halls and can then give you something definite. This much is settled with me I shall use steam instead of hot air. If there is anything I can do for you while in New York please do not hesitate to make it known. Address me care of Mr. Grant. Have have the kindness to give me the cost of your buildings as they now stand - each one - do not trouble yourself to give details.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Howard

May 9 3

Friend Ware.

Although I have been to Chicago, I cannot give you the desired information in relation to Heating Apparatus for your buildings. I expect however to start to New York next Monday morning, and while there shall find out the best method for heating Jubilee Hall, and can then give you something definite. This much is settled with us I we shall use steam instead of hot air. If there is anything I can do for you while in New York, please do not hesitate to make it known. Address me care of Bro. Cravath. Pray have the kindness to give me the cost of your buildings as they now stand - each one. Do not trouble yourself to give details.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

May 26 3

Rev. C. M. Prescott.
Dear Bro.

As soon as the school closes and teachers and students are gone, I would like to change our location. Although our rooms are small, and not so well adapted to the wants and necessities of wife and baby, we do not complain, for it is the best that could be done under the circumstances. We only want two rooms, and as those on the front row are some larger and much more convenient where there are children in the family, we would like to make the change as soon as possible and get ready for the hot weather. Mrs. heartily favors the plan, but for some particular reasons, she prefers that you give directions in matters relating to us. Please settle the question and oblige us. The new work in Cellar for Public Hall is progressing rapidly. Good weather for work. Bro. [illegible] was here last evening. Considerable disappointment because you can't come this week.

Yours truly Theo. C. Sherwood

May 26 3

Rev. E.M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

As soon as the schools close and teachers and students are gone, I would like to change our location. Although our rooms are small, and not so well adapted to the wants and necessities of wife and baby, we do not complain, for it is the best that could be done under the circumstances. We only want two rooms, and, as those on the front row are some larger and much more convenient where there are children in the family, we would like to make the change as soon as possible and get ready for the hot weather. Miss Landly favors the plan, but for some particular reasons, she prefers that you give directions in matters relating to us. Please settle the question and oblige us. The stone work in cellar for Jubilee Hall is progressing rapidly. Good weather for work. Your telegram was rec'd Sat. evening. Considerable disappointment because you cant come this week.

Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

May 26 3

Goar and Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen: I hand you enclosed a check for $228— the amt. of your bill for frames for basement of Jubilee Hall. The frames arrived last Friday but I have not had time to look them over.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward.
Supt.

May 27 3

Dr. C. M. Prescott.

Dear Sir.

From the conversation we had while you were here in January last, I was led to think that you designed to appoint me Actg. Treas. of the University at the beginning of this summer's vacation. This would give me — as you suggested — time to familiarize myself with the duties of the position before the opening of school in the fall. As your visit has been postponed one month, the books, papers &c. of the office will have passed into other hands before your arrival, unless you give directions by letter. If you can conveniently do so, please make known to me your decision so far as it relates to myself, so that I may have time to arrange other work.

Yours truly,
Chas. E. Hewitt.

May 26 3

Goss and Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen; I hand you enclosed a check for $228— the amt. of your bill for frames for basement of Jubilee Hall. The frames arrived last Friday but I have not had time to look them over.

Yours Resp'y
Thos. C. Steward.
Supt.

May 27 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

From the conversation we had while you were here in January last, I was led to think that you designed to appoint me Asst. Treas. of the University at the beginning of this summer's vacation. This would give me — as you suggested — time to familiarize myself with the duties of the position before the opening of schools in the fall. As your visit has been postponed one month, the books, papers &c. of the office will have passed into other hands before your arrival, unless you give directions by letter. If you can consistently do so, please make known to me your decision so far as it relates to myself, so that I may have time to arrange other work.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

June 23

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Your letters rec'd while I was absent from home. Gray and Kirkman notified me that a load of flooring had arrived, but I ~~could~~ can make no use of it at present as it ~~was~~ is green. I want fifty thousand feet of best quality seasoned flooring 4 and 6 inches wide, delivered in November next. At what price will you furnish this? Please ship me immediately one car load of joists 2 x 12 x 30 ft. and one car of studding 2 x 4 x 16 " all best qual. I also want just as soon as you can cut and send it, one car load of choice heart clear stuff for porch columns and other outside work, of the following dimensions:-

5 x 5 x 10 ft long	6 x 6 x 10 ft long
5 x 5 x 12 " "	6 x 6 x 12 " "
5 x 5 x 14 " "	6 x 6 x 14 " "

Send in about equal proportions.

Yours Truly
Thos. A. Steward.
Supt. Construction

June 23

Messrs. W. R. McFarland & Co.
Nashville Tenn.

Gentlemen,

Please make door frames of 2 inch white pine square heads, of following dimensions:—

3 frames for openings 3'-8" × 8'-0" 16 inch jambs
2 " " " 4'-0" × 8'-0" 16 " "
1 " " " 3'-10" × 8'-0" 24 " "

The last named is for an outside door. I want all this work immediately.

Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Construction

June 23

Mr. H. E. Whiting
Asst Treas. [illegible]
76 Reade St New York.

Dear Sir: Please send me $2000 on [illegible] Hall a/c.

Yours truly
Thos. C. [illegible]
Supt Construction

N. A. R. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIT

June 23

Mr. W. E. Whiting
Asst Treas. Am. Miss. Assn.
56 Reade St New York.

Dear Sir.

Please send me $2000 — on Jubilee Hall a/c.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward
Supt of Construction

June 3

E. S. Hatch
119 Broadway New York
Dear Sir.

It is over two weeks since I left your office, but none of the plans for Public Hall have been received, although you promised that a large installment should be sent the last of week before last & among the Elevations showing the cut stone work, the drawings for the iron columns, beams &c, and the floor plans and others for the carpenter work. My work is at a standstill until these are received. Can you not hurry them forward? How will it do to make the flue from boiler room to chimney of iron instead of brick and stone? As this flue will pass along just below the basement floor elsewhere, I do not see how it can be supported if made of brick and stone. If made of iron I can put a casing around it that will prevent any accident from over heating.

Yours Resp'y
Thos. A. Edward
Supt. Construction

June 3 3

S. D. Hatch
119 Broadway New York

Dear Sir.

It is over two weeks since I left your office, but none of the plans for Jubilee Hall have been received, although you promised that a large installment should be sent the last of week before last. I want the elevations showing the cut stone work, the drawings for the iron columns, beams &c, and the floor plans and others for the carpenter work. My work is at a stand-still until these are received. Can you not hurry them forward? How will it do to make the flue from boiler room to chimney of iron instead of brick and stone? As this flue will pass along just below the basement floor sleepers, I do not see how it can be supported if made of brick and stone. If made of iron I can put a backing around it that will prevent any accident from over-heating.

Yours Respy.

Thos. C. Steward.
Supt. Construction

Jubilee Hall acct. May 1873.

To Labor	3344.95	
" Land	4800.75	
" Lumber	235.30	
" Window & door frames for basement	238.	
" Bridge – part payment	100.	
" Travelling Expenses	97.40	
" Miscellaneous	64.85	
" Drayage	14.55	
" Watchman	10.	
	8905.80	
By Cash on hand last statement		$954.35
" " rec'd during the month		8992.50
		9946.85
Remaining on hand		1041.05

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

June 6 3

I enclose herewith Jubilee Hall a/c for month of May. Please send me One thousand dollars on same a/c.

Yours truly
Thos. G. [illegible]

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

June 6 3

Rev. E.M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith, Jubilee Hall a/c for month of May. Please send me One thousand dollars on same a/c.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

June 16 3

Mr. S. D. Hatch
119 Broadway New York

Dear Sir.

Yours of 10 inst rec'd. The first installment of plans came last week and I trust others will follow without delay. I want the sectional drawings for iron work so that the contract can be awarded. The main flue for boiler chimney is 16 x 16 according to the plan. An iron flue 1/4 greater than this would be 16 x 20. This I can place between the basement floor joists—which are 12 inches high—by cutting down the walls on each side of the hall eight or ten inches. By this arrangement the stone walls through which it would run would support the flue. The timbers can be placed far enough from the flue to give room for a coating of plaster, asbestos or some other non conducting material. On the outside of the building I can leave an opening for cleaning the horizontal flue. The floor of the boiler room can be made lower than the basement floor, so that the flue can run directly from the end of the boilto the chimney without an elbow. If you will give me the distance from the inner side of the opening of the chimney to the point where the boiler will be located I can then arrange for putting the iron flue in place. What thickness of iron would you use in the construction of this flue?

Yours Respy.

Thos. A. Steward
Supt. Construction

June 16 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Bro.

Yours of ~~7~~ 8th inst enclosing check for $2000. rec'd. We have had good weather for work, but for two weeks past there has been little done on account of the Cholera. Many people have left the city, and business of all kinds is very dull. There are fewer deaths now from the disease, and I think within a few days the excitement will have passed. I am getting ready to lay the Corner stone on the 28. What day will you arrive?

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

June 16 ③

Mr. W. E. Whiting

Dear Bro.

Your favor of 10 inst enclosing check for $1000. on Jubilee Hall a/c is rec'd. On receipt of this, please send $1000. more on same a/c. Also send

on a/c of Ella Sheppard	$455
" " " Maggie Porter	253.45
" " " Minnie Tate	39.70

These last amts are to pay for lots I have purchased for the parties named.

Yours truly

Thos. A. Steward.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

June 17 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Atlanta Ga.
Dear Bro.

Maj. Hopkins started to Chicago this morning, to be absent ten days or more. He will return in time to meet you here on the 27 or 28 provided you are to be here then. If anything occurs to delay you, he wished me to telegraph him the first of next week.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward.

June 18 3

Mr. Geo. L. White:

Dear Bro.

Your favor of 28 ult. received. I like your suggestion in relation to a suite of rooms in public Hall for the use of distinguished visitors. There is no place in the building where they can be fitted up on just the plan you have marked out, so that both bed rooms will be on same side of the sitting room, without passing through one bed room to reach the other. There are two places on the front row of the second floor where a suite can be fitted up so that one bed room will open out of the sitting room, and a second bed room may be reached by going out of the sitting room and along the hall a few steps. At another point on the front, on same floor a suite can be fitted up with sitting room in the center — and directly over main entrance to the building — 12 x 18½ feet, double window opening out on to balcony, and a bed room on each side each 11½ x 15½, and each with a large closet. These three rooms can be so arranged that those occupying them need not go into the hall for anything. The water pipes for that floor are just across the hall and I can have a branch leading to each of these bed rooms at very little expense.

The plan is to have all the rooms and halls in the building heated by steam. Bro. Cravath and I discussed the open fire question when I was in New York last, and it was finally decided that it would be better to dispense with them altogether. The building can be kept much neater where there are no open fires. Had we hard coal to burn there would not be so much difference. Until within two weeks I have been making good progress on the building. About the first of the month the Cholera broke out in this city and has continued until now. The mortality list has gradually increased and yesterday there were 40 deaths from this disease. Several have died in our immediate neighborhood. One week ago I had a billious attack or the cholera or something of the kind, by which I was laid up three days. Thousands of people have left the city, so that it seems like Sunday almost all the time. Very little business being done. Some of the men who were working on Jubilee Hall are sick or have sickness in their families, so that for ten days past very little has been done on the stone work. The Carpenters work is going forward as fast as is necessary to keep out of the way of the masons. We want to lay the Corner Stone on the 28 inst if possible, though I presume there will be a small attendance if the sickness continues. Rec'd a letter from Bro. Cravath today from Talladega Ala. He attends Conv. in Atlanta next week, and expects to get here on Friday 27. Bro. Bennett and family will go to the Country this week. I am ~~[illegible]~~ undecided as to what course is best to pursue in relation to my family. I want to do what is best for Mrs. Stewart and Ernest, and I do not want to run away from duty. To lose a month or two just now would delay Jubilee Hall at least six months. I hope the condition of things may be changed for the better very soon. Mrs. Porter has been quite sick within the last week, but is now about the house. She rec'd today Maggie's letter of 1 inst. I read it to her. We are rejoiced to hear of your prosperity. I feel sure you will succeed. It is very certain Jubilee Hall cannot be built and completed for $50.000. Bro. Cravath and I arrived at this conclusion some time ago, and I supposed he had communicated the same to you. It is as he expresses it "a big thing," and if we get through with

$10.000 — we may congratulate ourselves. I have secured the lot for Mrs. Tate, one for Maggie Porter — which I will deed to her mother but say nothing to her about it — and two for Ella Sheppard. The first two cost each $250 and the last two each $225 with expense of making and recording deeds added to these figures in all cases. There was something wrong in the title to the lot I wanted for you, so there has been considerable delay in completing the transaction. Capt. Rexford is working it up, and I do not propose to pay one cent until a good title is obtained! On the 13 of April I subscribed for the Daily Banner of this city for you, and ordered it sent to London Eng. Do you receive it regularly?

Mrs. Steward joins me in kindest regards to yourself and family, Mr. Pike, and all the Singers. Misses Landley and Wells are still here — also Profs. Spence and Chase and their families. All are well. A new baby in the family of the last named.

Most truly Yours

Thos. W. Steward.

June 18   3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 16 inst from Talladega recd today. Forty deaths from cholera yesterday the highest number in any one day this season. Very little stone work on Jubilee Hall in last two weeks, and today that branch of the work was entirely suspended. I shall adopt your suggestions as to the manner of laying the corner stone, and try to be ready on the 28th, but may not succeed. Bro. Bennett has just left my office. He expects to go with his family to McMinnville the last of this week, but will return next week in time to meet you here. All well with us at present.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward.

P.S.
Please tell Bro. Ware of our conference with Mr. Blake in relation to heating apparatus, and what we learned of it. That will be more satisfactory than what I could write in a letter of ordinary length.

Thos. C. Steward

June 20 3

Mess. M. Finnigan and Son
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen.

I send you this day by Express, the drawings and specifications for Cut Stone work for Jubilee Hall. The Contractor for foundation is furnishing the lintels for the basement windows, so that the Cut Stone Contract begins with the Water table. I shall want this probably by the 20 or 25th of July, and the other work as needed to keep out of the way of the brick Contractor. If you wish to bid on this work please do so and return the drawings as soon as possible. I should like to have them by one week from today 27. In making up your estimate, please state how much per window for the Caps, and the belt and sill courses by the running foot &c. The price you give will be for delivering the stone on the cars in Cincinnati, ready to be put in place on arrival.

Hoping to hear from you at an early day, I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Thos. C. Steward.
Supt. Construction

6 large drawings
4 small "

June 21 3

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dr. Sir.

Your favors of 17 inst both rec'd. I am greatly surprised to find myself charged with $26. per M for lumber that you agreed to furnish for $18. I gave you the different lengths of the stuff I would want, and plainly stated that it must be of the best quality. If anything was ordered that you could not send at the contract price, I claim that it was your duty to write me of it before filling the order. You will find me ready to perform my part of the contract at all times. With the understanding we had I do not feel willing to pay the price asked for the lumber shipped on Car No. 248.

Have rec'd the 2 x 12 x 20, and am pleased with it. I will pay Mess. Gray, Kirkman & Co. for this stuff, and that shipped in Box Car as soon as it arrives.

Yours Resp'y.
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Construction

Tues. Morning 24
Deaths from Cholera on
Sunday 58
Monday 36

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

June 23 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Bro.

Last Friday there were 73 deaths from Cholera in the city, on Saturday 59. We have not yet received the reports for Sunday and today. Only two stone masons at work today on Jubilee Hall. At this rate I may not be able to get up the front corner for the corner stone by Sat. Some of the men who are now sick, may be well enough to work by the last of the week, so that we can get ready by Monday or Tuesday, if not on Saturday 28. This is a very uncertain time — those who are well care very little about working for fear they may be overcome by the excessive heat. Mr. Samuel Davis from Talladega arrived Sunday morning, and is at work.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward.

July 1 3

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Your favor in relation to the "All heart lumber," was duly rec'd. I have settled with Mess. Gray Kirkman & Co. for it paying check $20. per M. Please send me as soon as possible, One car 1 × 12 × 16, and One car in about equal proportions of 1½ × 3 × 16 and 2 × 6 × 14 I have received all the lumber you have shipped me to date, and settled with your agents for same. There was a delay in one car because it was directed to "H. Stuart" and billed as "Bark." It proved to be my 2 × 4' × 16 stuff. I will send other bills as we have time [illegible] make them out.

Yours Respy.
Thos. W. Steward.
Supt. Construction

Jubilee Hall acct. June 1873

Bridge and Street	680.	
Labor on Contracts	1770.65	
Building Materials	683.35	
Salary Supt's – bal. to June 30.	100.	
Miscellaneous expenditures	31.15	
	3.265.15	
Cash on hand last a/c		1041.05
Rec'd during the month		4000.
		5041.05
Remaining on hand	1775.90	

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

3 July 1

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed Jubilee Hall a/c for month of June. We were all much disappointed in not seeing you and Bro. Whipple. There are several things about Jubilee Hall I wished you to see just at this time that cannot be settled by correspondence for the reason that they must be seen to be understood. The cholera has nearly left the city — only five deaths from it now. Mrs Cravath came on Saturday, and expects to resume her journey tomorrow. Prof Spence and family, and Misses Wells and Bell left last Friday for Cincinnati. Those remaining are well. Work on Jubilee Hall is going on a little faster than last week. Weather good. Please send me one thousand dollars on Jubilee Hall a/c.

Yours truly,
Theo. G. Steward

July 1   3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed, Jubilee Hall a/c for month of June. We were all much disappointed in not seeing you and Bro. Whipple. There are several things about Jubilee Hall I wished you to see just at this time, that cannot be settled by correspondence, for the reason that they must be seen to be understood. The cholera has nearly left the city — very few deaths from it now. Miss Cooley came on Saturday, and expects to resume her journey tomorrow. Prof Chase and family, and Misses Wells and Dell Santley left last Friday for Cincinnati. Those remaining are well. Work on Jubilee Hall is going on a little faster than last week. Weather good. Please send me One thousand dollars on Jubilee Hall a/c.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

July 7 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith two notes to be given for the lot purchased for Geo. L. White. The deed has been perfected and will be delivered as soon as these notes are signed and returned. The party of whom is purchased, owed a balance of $400. due Aug. 26. 1873 and one year from that time, in order that Mr. White might have a clear title, it was thought best that he assume these notes — This was the advice of the lawyer who had the matter in hand. By this arrangement the payments are as follows —

Cash down — first payment		$ 439.70
Aug. 26, 1873	lien note and interest	212.
Dec 1. "	2d payment	438.80
Aug. 26. 1874,	2d lien note and two yrs int	224.
Dec 1. "	3d payment	320.80
	Total	$ 1635.30

As soon as the transaction is completed, I will write you what amount of money is needed for first payt and expenses.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

July 7 3

Messrs. M. Finnigan and Son.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen.

Your favor of 23 ult was duly rec'd — also plans for Cut Stone work for Jubilee Hall, which I sent you for Estimate on same. I have waited several days for your bid, but have not rec'd it. I presume the fault is with the mail, and I write now to call your attention to the fact that you may send me a duplicate.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Construction

Maj. J. E. Jones Asst. Qr. Mr.
Nashville Tenn

July 7 3

Sir:

I am in receipt of plans and drawings for door work in [illegible] Hall, and would like to have you call at your earliest convenience and examine the same.

Yours truly
Thos. J. [illegible]
Supt. of Construction

July 7 3

Messrs. J. E. Jones and Son.
Nashville Tenn.

Gents.

I am in receipt of plans and drawings for Iron work in Jubilee Hall, and would like to have you call at your earliest convenience and examine the same.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Stewart
Supt. Construction

July 11 3

Mr. C. D. Hatch.
119 Broadway New York.

Dear Sir. In the last lot of drawings received, I find a plan for connecting the Columns in first story with those in basement by cutting through the wooden girder. In only two instances do the first story columns come directly over columns in the basement, and at those points—over the Elevator—you have planned for iron girders instead of wooden. Please explain. On several of the drawings you have marked the height of the different stories giving the basement at 10 feet and the first story 13 feet. In drawing the columns at full length, you give basement columns ten feet besides the wooden girder, or 11 ft 3" between floor and ceiling. The next story you make 14 feet, as the columns alone is 13 feet besides the girder. Please reconcile these differences. Do you think cast iron girders as strong as those made of wrought iron? Let me hear from you promptly.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. Simon
Supt Construction

July 11 3

Mr. S. D. Hatch.
119 Broadway New York.

Dear Sir.

In the last lot of drawings received, I find a plan for connecting the columns in first story with those in basement by cutting through the wooden girder. In only two instances do the first story columns come directly over columns in the basement, and at those points — over the kitchen — you have planned for iron girder instead of wooden. Please explain. On several of the drawings you have marked the height of the different stories giving the basement at 10 feet, and the first story 13 feet. In drawing the columns at full length, you give basement columns ten feet besides the wooden girder, or 11 ft 3" between floor and ceiling. The next story you make 14 feet, as the column alone is 13 feet besides the girder. Please reconcile these differences. Do you think cast iron girders as strong as those made of wrought iron? Let me hear from you promptly.

Yours Respy
Thos. J. [illegible]
Supt Construction

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
HQ.
FISK UNIV.

July 14 3

Mess. M. Finnegan and Son.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen,

Your proposition for Cut stone work for Jubilee Hall, is received. I am waiting to hear from one other party whose bid will probably come within two days. On receipt of this I will write you the result.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Supt Construction

Mr. R. B. Kyle. July 14th 3
Gadsden Ala.
Dr. Sir: Your favor of 10 inst recd. Both Cars of lumber already here, and I will settle with Maj. Gray [illegible] this day. Last Friday 11 inst I telegraphed you for one Car 2 x 12 x 24. In addition to that, please ship me as follows:—

One Car 2 x 12 x 24
" " 2 x 12 x 30
" " 1 x 12 x 20

Yours Truly Thos. Conrad
Supt. Construction

July 14 3

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dr. Sir.

Your favor of 10 inst recd. Both Cars of lumber already here, and I will settle with Mess. Gray Kirkman & Co this day. Last Friday 11 inst I telegraphed you for one car 2 x 12 x 24. In addition to that, please ship me as follows:—

One Car 2 x 12 x 24
" " 2 x 12 x 30
" " 1 x 12 x 20

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Construction

July 19 3

Mess. W. Finnegan & Son.
Cincinnati. Ohio.

Gentlemen.

All the "proposals" for Cut Stone work for Jubilee Hall have been received, and on comparison I find that your prices will not justify me in getting that class of building material in Cincinnati. From my conversation with you last December, I was led to think that there would be a large saving in expense by sending to your city for this work.

Yours Respy.
Thos. C. Steward.
Supt. Construction

ARCHIVES

July 26 3

Mr. R. D. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dr. Sir.

Your favors of 16th, 17th and 21st recd. The Telegraph Manager here is trying to ascertain where the mistake occurred in the message I sent you for lumber 2×12×24. One car of this stuff has arrived, also one car of 2×12×30. In addition to lumber already ordered please send me immediately, and in the order given below – the following:—

60	pcs.	8 × 12 × 18
7	"	10 × 14 × 27
40	"	6 × 12½ × 17
40	"	5 × 12½ × 17
100	"	2 × 5 × 14
One	Car	3 × 12½ × 17
Two	"	3 × 12½ × 24
"	"	3 × 12½ × 30

good heart stuff
square corners, free from bad knots.

I shd like to have the 10×14×27 timbers of a quality that will spring as little as possible, as it is for girders to be supported by iron columns.

At what price per Mft face measure, can you deliver in Nov. or Dec. next your best quality of 1⅛ × 6 flooring? Shall want 50.000 ft of it. Can you get me some good black walnut, and at what price delivered?

Yours truly Thos. C. Seward
Supt. Construction

July 28 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Yours of 11 inst was duly rec'd. The effects of the terrible scourge we have passed through, are plainly to be seen yet in all branches of business, although there has not been a case of Cholera in the city for more than a week. Those who were not sick, were so badly frightened that their recovery is about as slow! My work on Jubilee Hall did not stop entirely for more than four or five days. We did not however make as much progress in six weeks during the sickness as was made in one previous to that time. The Contractor for stone work did not get well under way again until the middle of last week. In consequence of this back set, I am satisfied we shall be until the first or middle of Sept. finishing the basement. The brick Contractor is ready to begin as soon as the way is clear for him, and if he can be at work by Sept. 15, will probably be able to complete the walls before freezing weather. I am pushing things as rapidly as possible. The Cellar story is done, and the south front of basement story nearly to its full height

A. M. & N. ARCHIVES NO. FILE UNIT

Maj. Hall and Davis – of Marion Ala. – are keeping up with the Carpenter work, so there will be no delay for it. I shall have to pay about $1.500 – or $2.000 – more to complete the stone work. Am now owing about $400 for lumber &c, and will have to pay at least 500 more for lumber within the next ten days or two weeks. The Carpenter and other work necessary to be done to keep up with stone work, will cost from fifty to seventy five dollars a week. Will have to pay first installment of about $2.500 on brick work, when the _first_ story is completed – probably about three or four weeks after this branch of the work is commenced. About four weeks hence will pay $300. or $400. for window and door frames for first story. The above is about as close an estimate as can be made at present of the amount of money needed by the first of Oct. It would be safer to add one thousand to these sums. There is no time now to be lost if the building is put under cover this winter. If there is any delay for want of funds we may as well adjourn till next spring and then begin anew

I think that with two or three thousand in addition to the amount on hand, we can go to the first of Oct, and if this amount can be secured in any way the work should not stop. If the brick work is not commenced until next Spring, the building can not be completed by Sept. following without making too great haste. I am now planning to lay the Corner Stone when the basement story is completed and the water table on — excepting at the front Corner. This will not be earlier than Sept. 10 probably. Can't you come at that time? I trust that on a third trial you would succeed in reaching Nashville.

I did report about $1800. on hand the last of June, though very little of it was *in* hand at the time. Nine hundred out for Jubilee lots, about four hundred more for Bro. White, and I was expecting several bills to pay within a week from the time I wrote you. I could do no better, and had to draw on Mr. Whiting at sight. Have now settled for Jubilee Singers lots, but will need another $1000, as soon as you can get it to me. Have been delayed further on the

White Trade, on account of the sickness of Capt. Rexford. Will very soon be able to close up the matter and send you bill. There is so much uncertainty about everything here this summer — very few plans are carried out. After consultation with Prof. Spence, it was thought best that my family should occupy rooms on the front row instead of in the Dormitory. We have been settled about two weeks, and find our new quarters much more comfortable and convenient for this very hot weather. In making the changes and fitting up for the year, an expenses of about $40 has been incurred. Shall I present the bill in New York or here for payment? All are gone excepting Mrs. Steward, Ernest and I. We have made no plans to leave the city this season if life and health are spared, although a short vacation would be very enjoyable.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

July 29 3

Mr. Benj. F. Moore.
Beech Grove Tenn.

Sir.

Mr. A. B. Robertson of this city tells me you have a horse for sale. Pray have the kindness to give me a full description and price of the horse provided you wish to sell him. Is he afraid of the Cars, and is there any trait of character that renders him unsafe for a family horse? A prompt reply will oblige.

Yours Respy.
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Construction

July 29 3

Rev. A. K. Spence,
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dr. Sir.

I am in receipt of your Postal Card of Sunday 27. Glad you are enjoying the Mountain air. I have rec'd a letter from Bro. Cravath assigning me to duty as Asst. Treas. of the University. Do you want old George and the carriage for University work provided I can get another horse for my field operations? Please decide this matter at once, as I shall probably sell this horse elsewhere if you don't want him. I can hardly see how one horse will be able to do the work for University and Jubilee Hall next year. I prefer however to leave the responsibility of getting a horse for Home use, entirely with yourself. I enclose a letter rec'd today, addressed to Pres. or Secy. of the University. I took the liberty to open, but cannot give the desired information. All well with us.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward.

P.S.

Rec'd a Catalogue today of "Lake Forest Academy" — Illinois — asking for an exchange. Our Catalogue has been forwarded.

T. C. S.

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John R. Dean.
Shelbyville Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 1 inst, to the President of Fisk University, in relation to teachers is received. All our more advanced students who are qualified to teach the common branches are now engaged, so that it will be impossible for us to furnish you any teachers for some months to come. If others come in who desire to teach, and are such persons as we can recommend, we will notify you of the fact. Prof. A. K. Spence, our Principal, is spending a few weeks on Lookout Mountain. His P.O. address is Chattanooga Tenn.

Yours Resp'y.

Thos. C. Steward
Asst Treas.

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Mr. James Buchanan.
Prince Ann.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of July 31 is received. I have seen Miss Ella Hoyt since you were here, but she has a school engaged in the neighborhood where she has spent most of her vacation. I know of no other teacher out of employment at present, so the people who are in want of a school will have to look elsewhere.

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 4 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

Yours of 24 ult was duly recd. In assuming the charge of accounts and outside business of the University just at this time, a large amount of very unpleasant work is thrown upon me that should have been performed by others. You wrote me about the last of May, that Profs. Spence and Chase would have charge of affairs here during the summer vacation. Up to the time the last of the teachers and Professors left for rest and recreation — July 25 — not one thing had been done in the way of repairs, excepting a little whitewashing in the girls dormitory. As you had but a few days prior to this date written Prof. Spence that I would probably succeed Mr. Hubbard, and as the vacation was then nearly gone, I said to Prof. Spence that if the change was to be made this summer, I would like to have it very soon. He probably wrote you to that effect, on the eve of his departure for Lookout Mountain. The work of repairing these old buildings could have been divided into three months and made quite easy. As it is now a good deal of haste will be necessary and it is very doubtful whether all can be accomplished before the opening of school. I accept the place however, and will do the best I can. Shall probably need some assistance during the first six months. And now in relation to the transactions of last winter. I was in "an unfortunate state of mind," and if some others who were connected with the University - will be just as free to tell how they felt, you will be better able to understand how I fell into that "unfortunate" condition. Recent developments show very plainly that I have quite as much cause to complain of injustice, as any one here. I did not intend however to say anything further about these affairs, and unless other parties continue to agitate them, the matter will stop just here. If you thought the "party spirit" was all on my side, then, your impression was incorrect. I thank you for writing me so frankly on this subject, & join with you in the hope that there may be no division in counsel or purpose.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

Aug. 4 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I send herewith Jubilee Hall a/c. for month of July. About $400, of the amount reported as on hand, has been paid on Bro. White's lot. Will have that business closed up this week. Capt. Rexford died yesterday — he was sick about one month. Work on Jubilee Hall is progressing very satisfactorily now. Weather good.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward.

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Jubilee Hall a/c. July 1873

Labor	1846.15
Materials	97.60
Miscellaneous	24.65
Salary Supt.	50.
	2018.40

Cash on hand last statement		1775.90
Rec'd during the month		1000.
		2775.90
On hand July 31	757.50	

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Prof. A. K. Spence.
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Your Postal Card of 1 inst rec'd yesterday. Will keep the horse until instructions are rec'd from New York. Y. A. Wallace writes from Rodgersville Ala. for eight "Bright Jewels." I cannot find them on the premises, and have written him to wait until I could hear from you. I suppose you are not expecting to return for two or three weeks yet. Things are pretty badly torn up here now. Will probabl get in shape before term opens. Capt. Rexford died on Sunday last, and was buried Monday. Bro. Bennett left Saturday morning for his mountain retreat. All well here.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward.

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Mr. Y. A. Wallace
Rodgersville Ala.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of July 29. in relation to "Singing Books," has been received. Prof. Spence is on Lookout Mountain, and all the other teachers are away spending vacation. I have looked for the "Bright Jewels" but do not find them. I will write Prof. Spence in relation to them and then send you the number you desire if they are on hand, or return your money. We are glad of your success in the day and Sabbath school.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward.

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Goss and Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

I have sent you this day by Express, four tracings on linen, showing the elevations of Jubilee Hall. These have been received since I was in your City last April, and as they differ in many respects from the sizes we then estimated upon, I wish you to be governed entirely by these plans in all the work you do for this building in the future, unless I write you of some change that will not show on the drawings. I think all the openings for windows and doors - outside - are marked on the plans, unless it be the main front door on the South elevation, which is 5/4 × 11/6, and perhaps the narrow windows on either side of this door which are 1/2 × 6/10½. For the three openings mentioned just here, I should like to have ash frames, made from choice timber, as I do not wish to paint either outside or inside. I now wish you to make frames for only the first story of the building, and should like to have them shipped by the 5th of Sept. All the window frames in the first story will have panel jambs, and be finished down to the floor with panel. Please make

the frames for this finish — I want nothing now but the frames. I should like to have you return the drawings as soon as possible so I can have them for reference. Can you not have these plans copied for your convenience?
In some of the bundles of the basement frames, the pieces were covered with mould, as though they were put up while the timber was green. None of this work has ever been wet since it reached Nashville. The pieces that were moldy, were 1/4 of an inch too small for the places for which they were designed. There was no straight molding for the outside of the frames. Thinking it might have been left by the wayside, I had the agent here search for it. As nothing has been heard of it, I conclude it was left out when the frames were shipped from your factory. Had not time to get it from you, and so had it made by McFarland & Co. of this City. When the first story frames are completed and shipped, I think we shall be ready for you to go on at once with those for second and third stories, but will write you further in relation to it ere that time arrives.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward
Supt Construction

other County, and endeavor to procure a situation for you. If however you prefer to come south under the Commission of the "American Missionary Association," you will have to correspond with Rev. E. M. Cravath, 56 Reade Street New York. Can you give recommendations from some one or more connected with the College at Oberlin? I will do all in my power to aid you in getting a situation as teacher among the colored people.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

Aug. 7

Mrs. Lizzie Rice.
Edinboro Erie Co. Pa.

Dear Madam.

Your favo
of 2 inst. in relation to a situation a
teacher among the freedmen —
was rec'd today. All the teache
needed in our University next yea
have been engaged. There are man
other places in the South however
where teachers are wanted for the
colored schools. A new free scho
system has just been put in operat
in Tennessee, but it is too soon to
tell whether it will prove a succes
If you wish a school under this
system, I will see the Supt. of this
Co. or correspond with him &

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Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Please send forward the lumber and timber as fast as possible, that I ordered July 26. The Cholera in this City this season set my building back about two months, and now unless every day is improved I shall be unable to get the building under roof before winter. I trust there will be no delay for want of lumber.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

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Mr. R. F. Moore
Beech Grove Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 2 inst is recd. From your description of the horse I think I shall like him, and as soon as I can arrange to leave my business will come down to your place to look at him. Can probably go by the middle of next week, but will write you again so that you can meet me at the depot with the horse, and I can then return on the next train. If the horse suits me when I come to see him, I will take him at the price you have named — $100 — and pay you the cash.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 9 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

The first payment on Geo. L. White's lot is $439.70 and the Lawyers fee $15.— total $454.70 I have not had the deed recorded as there are two or three other deeds that should go on record first, and the parties interested therein move very slowly. Capt. Rexford spent considerable time searching the records, and having mistakes corrected that occurred in prior deeds to the same piece of land. The taxes have not been paid for two years past, but I have retained $59.70 of the first payment until Chas. H. White pays all past dues and produces the receipts therefor. If the taxes are not paid within a reasonable time, I will ascertain the amount, and pay same from the money in my hands — 59.70. Capt. Rexford advised me to do this, as the party of whom I purchased should take the trouble of settling this matter. He said I would take no risk in pursuing such a course. Your letter of 5th inst with check for $1000 recd, but I am so tired this evening I must be excused from replying until first of the week. Will then send you a statement - from my books showing full transactions to date —

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 11 3

Mr. B. F. Moore.
Beech Grove Tenn.

Dear Sir.

If nothing hinders me, I expect to start from this City tomorrow (Tuesday) night, at 8 o'clock for Wartrace, and would like to have you meet me at that station on the following morning (Wednesday 13) at 8½ o'clock, with the horse you wish to sell. Please drive him to the buggy, so I can ride after him, and do not *fail* to be there at the appointed time, as I must return on the forenoon train from Chattanooga without fail.

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 11

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith a statement made up from my books, showing how all the "jubilee fund" that has been drawn thus far, has been expended. When I estimated the cost of cellar and basement stories of Jubilee Hall, I did not think it would be necessary to do any cementing or filling around the walls, or any grading around the building until next fall or winter. It soon became apparent however that to properly protect the stone walls, and do this work as cheaply as possible, it should be done at once. In doing this an expense was incurred for tools, drain pipe, cement, and labor, amounting to over five hundred dollars. The basement floor timbers are all in place, and of the $1233.30 worth of lumber purchased, over $800. worth is now on hand. I have ordered this no faster than was actually necessary, but with anything less than this amount on hand, the carpenter work could not be kept up. It would be far better for all the timber that is going into this building to be well seasoned for [illegible] time and money, we cannot expect to have this, but there must be a small stock on hand. The stone work for basement story is completed across the south front, excepting about one course and the window arches. A good beginning has been made around the west end of south front and also on south end of east front. Last week I had the Contractor begin on the rear wall of both parts of the building, and Saturday night ~~the~~ he was ready for nearly all the window frames on those walls — some of them were set that day. He will now put as large a force as can work to advantage onto the north wall of the south front, and continue there until that is completed. I have arranged for the Brick Contractor to come in then and build the brick partition walls in that part of the building, so that the carpenters can put on timbers for the first floor, and the water table can be laid while Terry is finishing his stone work on the east wing of the building. I can see more plainly every day the great necessity of getting this building under cover before the severest winter weather comes on. To accomplish this, every days time must be well improved, and there must be no lack of money. I do not know what you purpose doing for means when the $20.000 is exhausted provided the Singers are not then making money. If a definite line of policy has not been agreed upon, then I am running somewhat at random in making contracts and pushing the work. I am decidedly of the opinion that it would be better to borrow a few thousand if necessary, than to stop the work for one week even. I have awarded the Iron Contract to Jones & Son of this city who obligate themselves to furnish columns, girders and other iron work needed, delivered at Jubilee Hall, at the same price that the lowest responsible Cincinnati bidder would contract to furnish the same work on the cars in that city. The Cut Stone Contract was taken by Messrs. Swan & Brown of this city. Their contract is to put the stone in place on the building and clean the same, and the price for doing this is about the same that Cincinnati

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prop. is to furnish the stone on the Cars in that City—for. The freight on stone from Cin. is twenty five cents per hundred pounds, and we assume all risk of damages. Then I would have to pay one of the Cin. men five dollars per day for coming here to superintend the laying of this work, and expenses during a stay of two months or more, besides his travelling expenses. Add to this the expense of erecting derricks with which to place the stone, and of laborers to aid in handling it, and we can see clearly which is the best course to pursue in relation to this branch of the work. On this Contract, one fourth the whole amount is to be paid on completion of each story and the remaining fourth when the job is accepted. I suppose some of the water table has already been cut, and the Contractors will soon be at work on the front porch columns. Patterns are being made for Iron work, and the Contractors for the windows and door frames are hard at work on the first story above the basement. From all this you will see the necessity of deciding very soon, whether we will push the work as far into the winter as will be best for the building — and through the winter if possible — or stop when the basement is completed, and cover the walls for winter. When the Corner stone is to be laid, I very much want you to be present, for reasons given in our last interview in New York, and for many other reasons. I do not like to go so far with this building without having you see it for yourself, and know just what the character of the work is. As you have not been on the ground since the building was commenced, I deem it of very great importance that you come in Sept. In justice to those who are raising the money, and to the Supt. of the work, you should do this, and I trust the way will open for you to leave your "duties and perplexities" long enough to come.

When I purchased lots for the Jubilee Singers, $750 was paid in cash, and my note for $200 given for the balance. When the money came from Mr. Whiting to pay for these lots, it was deposited until I could pay this balance and have the lien cancelled so that clear

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titles could be given. The lady of whom our lot was purchased was in northern Ohio, and considerable time was consumed in getting the necessary papers made out and forwarded to her, and returned with her signature. The business was dispatched promptly when this paper came back, and the claims are all settled. I wrote you of some of the delays attending the White-lot transaction. People in Nashville do not do business as promptly and rapidly as New Yorkers do. It is sometimes very aggravating to have those on whom we depend for the prompt execution of a certain work, lose so much time *needlessly*. I am often reminded of your suggestion to "Keep cool," but it is quite impossible to get along without "effervescing" a little occasionally. In sending my monthly statements hereafter, I can give every item of expense if so desired, or will classify the expenses. My books show every transaction of five cents, and upward and are always open for inspection by those who desire to know how matters stand. If my statements have not been sufficiently explicit, it was only because I did not know in just what shape you wanted them. From the accompanying paper, and my explanation, I trust you will be able to get a correct understanding of the present state of the case. I supposed you had given Bro. Pike to understand ~~ese~~ this, that Jubilee Hall could ~~Can~~not be built for $50.000 — I wrote Bro. White to this effect some time ago. I shall be careful in future not to make an estimate on the cost of this building, or any part of the work on it, if these estimates are going to mislead or cause any trouble. Building can be done here cheaply, but this Jubilee Hall is much more of a building than is imagined by most people who hear it talked of.

Prof. Spence and family will return this week. I am pushing repairs as fast as possible. Did Prof. Spence ask you to send money for repairs? I must have some at once. We are all in good health, and hope for a continuance of it.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

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Miss M. S. Wells.
Athens Ala.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of 9 inst, in reference to the return of Sophie Davis to Nashville — recd this day. We much prefer that the students defer coming to the University, until the last of the week before opening of School — We are engaged now in repairing buildings &c. Term begins Monday Sept. 1.

Yours Truly Thos. C. Steward
Asst Treas.

Aug. 14 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Your favor of 9 inst is received. On beginning the repairs, I planned to do only what was actually necessary for health, and comfort. I have however spent a very little time and money removing the old decayed steps in front of the front row, and filling the vacant space with fresh earth. These gave the buildings a very dilapidated appearance, and I'm sure our credit will improve with the change, even though the health is not affected. I intend to do a little better by the school and recitation rooms than any of the other apartments, as experience has taught me that the discipline of a school depends to a very great extent on the surroundings. All my repairs on the premises will be of a cheap character. Porch floors and steps where in an unsafe condition, will be braced and mended, the plastering will be patched, and all the walls receive a good coat of whitewash, the fences will be righted up and braced. Stove pipes mended, and some changes made in heating apparatus which it is hoped will save fuel. As some of the teachers are to occupy rooms in the dormitory on the first floor, a stove will be placed in the upper hall so that the girls can occupy that more and the parlor less. You say that "a little labor and money wisely expended, can do much to add to comfort, healthfulness, and neatness." True - but what amount had you in mind when you wrote "a little." According to the Books, over $300. was expended last year on repairs. As the buildings are one year nearer their "final dissolution", you will hardly expect that they will be repaired and kept up for a less sum than this. Prof Spence estimated that a larger amount would be necessary. I cannot tell just what the cost will be, but I assure you the closest economy will be practised in every particular, not only in regard to repairs, but in everything that comes under my charge. I knew nothing of Insurance on the buildings until this morning when the Agent called on me by direction of Maj. Hopkins. While in the city today I assured the agents that we would renew, and on reaching home this evening found your letter of 11 inst. enclosing check for $265. I had already tried to get better rates, but did not succeed. Will close the transaction tomorrow. Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 15 — 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Br.

Please send me One thousand dollars on Jubilee Hall &c. The stone work is progressing very satisfactorily to-day — I think the Brick Contractor may begin on some of the partition walls the last of next week. The timber for first floor is already arriving. Br. Bennett is home, and went with me this afternoon to Jubilee Hall. Prof. Spence and family will return the first of the week, so a note rec'd this morning says. I paid the Insurance Agents to-day, and am in possession of the Policies. Shall I keep or forward them to New York?

Yours truly,
Thos. C. Steward.

Aug. 15 3

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

From your favor of 12 inst recd yesterday, I am inclined to think you misunderstood my order of 26 July. I only wanted 60 pcs. 8 x 12 x 18, of clear heart stuff. The 7 pcs. 10 x 14 x 27 square corners and free from bad knots — I then added that I would like to have these seven pieces of large timber, of a quality that would spring as little as possible. The balance of this bill - viz:-

40 pcs.	6 x 12½ x 17
40 "	5 x 12½ x 17
100 "	2 x 5 x 14
One Car	3 x 12½ x 17
Two " s	3 x 12½ x 24
" "	3 x 12½ x 30

To be of good lumber such as you have sent me heretofore, but not of "all heart stuff" as you seem to have understood the order. The car shipped on 12 inst has arrived.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Con.

Aug. 20 3

Rev. E.M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

This morning about half past seven o'clock, a young man came into my office, who from what I could learn, was out of employment, and very anxious to get a situation. He was of good size, and well-proportioned, and had a business appearance. As I was in want of some assistance just now, I decided to give this gentleman a place, and I trust he will prove a valuable acquisition to the A.M.A. ranks ——

We are very thankful that Mrs. Steward's sickness was of short duration, and that she is now doing well.

Yours truly
Thos C. Steward

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W. H. King Esq.
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir.

I enclose herewith a letter from H. W. Hubbard in relation to half fare rates over your Roads for Prof. Spence and himself. I have noted the endorsements thereon by yourself and Mr. Rowland. Mr. Hubbard was, at the time of writing the letter, financial manager of this Institution. He has since resigned and I have been appointed to succeed him. I write now to renew the request for the half fare for Prof. Spence and myself, and to give the information desired by Mr. Rowland. Within the year we shall probably pass over nearly or quite *all* the Railway operated by your Company, and would

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like to have the orders for half fare rates cover all the lines if you can consistently grant it. Our work is large — our students come from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, and it will be necessary for us to travel in all directions in the interests of this rapidly growing work.

In relation to half fare for our Students, I would like if possible to get for them orders so that in case there are not five in company they may have the benefit of your very liberal reduction. In the great majority of cases, the Students would not get the benefit of half fare, as only one or two live in the same town or neighborhood, and even then cannot always arrange so as to come at the same time. If my request is granted, I assure you no one will be allowed to take advantage of your Company. Hoping for a favorable reply — I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Thos. C. Steward

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Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

Yours of 15 inst is rec'd. I am glad the statement furnishes the desired information, and in future I will try to make my Monthly Statements a little clearer. On the 15th of Sept. the Colored Agricultural Fair of this city will open, to last one week. On one day during that Exhibition, I will find out which — Hon Frederick Douglass is engaged to deliver an address. Now if you can come two or three days earlier than you have named, I think we can arrange to have this gentleman present and make a speech at our Corner Stone Laying. By having this ceremony in Fair week, and the speakers named above we would be sure of a large attendance. I sincerely trust you will be able to come. And now can you not open correspondence with Mr. Douglass and arrange with him for this occasion? I can be ready for

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~~t~~ laying the Corner Stone at any time on two days notice. The Basement stone work is going forward more rapidly now than at any time since the Cholera season, and if the money is furnished I think the brick work can be done before cold weather. I hope there will be no delay. The Brick Contractor is making a very fine lot of bricks for this building, but he says he cannot carry them through the winter unless we pay him part of the contract price in advance. There will be other work to do this fall, and if ours is not ready he will be obliged to use this lot of bricks for small jobs, and in that case we will have to wait in the Spring until a new lot can be made. If the same Contractor gets the Contract for Vanderbilt University,—as it is quite likely he will— he will remove to another part of the City in the Spring, and in that case the bricks for Jubilee Hall would not be of so good quality. The clay he is now using is superior to anything ever used in this section of country. I am proceeding as cautiously as possible, but it will be necessary for me to plan far enough ahead to keep the work under way until I know *positively* that it must stop for the winter. Don't you suppose six or eight thousand dollars could be borrowed on *this* property? I *hope* the work won't have to stop. Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

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Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

In your last Bill to pay,
Kirkman & Co, I am charged $20.- per M for the Car load
of 1×12×20. My understanding is that you are to
furnish lumber 20 feet long and under at $18.-
Over 20 ft. and including 25 feet $20.- Over 20 feet and up
to and including 30 ft. at $22.50 I have paid this
bill as charged however, relying on you to correct
the mistake if there is one And I am sure there
is. I have received five loads of the lumber and
timber sent on order of July 26, and am much
pleased with it. On the first Car shipped on this
order there was one piece short of the 6×12½×17.
I counted all the pieces accurately on arrival of
the Car, and again after the timber was hauled
to the building with like result. This Car was sent
on the 12 inst.

Yours truly
Thos. W. Steward
Supt. Construction

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Goss And Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

On the 9th inst I sent you by Express, four plans showing the Elevations of Jubilee Hall, and at the same time wrote you for the window and door frames — outside — for the first story. Have heard nothing from you, and do not know whether either the drawings or my order have been received. Can you furnish the frames for this story by the 5th of Sept. as I wrote you, or do you want more time? If you wish a longer time I can give you until the 10th of Sept.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward.
Supt. Construction

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Goss and Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

On the 4th inst I sent you by Express, four plans showing the Elevations of Jubilee Hall, and at the same time wrote you for the window and door frames — outside — for the first story. Have heard nothing from you, and do not know whether either the drawings or my order have been received. Can you furnish the frames for this story by the 5th of Sept. as I wrote you, or do you want more time? If you wish a longer time I can give you until the 10th of Sept.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward.
Supt. Construction

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Mr. W. E. Whiting.
Asst. Treas. A. M. A.
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir.

Please send me $30^{55} from funds in your hands belonging to Miss Maggie Porter. I have advanced this amount to her mother at Maggie's request.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

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Mr. C. B. Kyle
Gadsden, Ala.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 23 inst. – also of notice of shipment of the last two or three cars of lumber. Please do not draw for the amount of the bill of July 26 until the last of it arrives and I compare the shipping bill. I do not yet see how you could have understood my order of July 26 to call for all heart stuff of 17 and 18 feet lengths. However, since you have sent that class of lumber I do propose to pay you $20 per M. for it. The only heart stuff I ordered was 60 pcs 8 x 17 x 18 – but that matter is settled. Neither did I expect that you would cut the 7 pcs. 10 x 14 x 24, for 22.50 per M. I do not however like to have you lower me a bit the price of this timber. As you are "an old mill man" and a gentleman, and in view of the fact that I am getting a large amount of lumber from you, I feel sure you will be reasonable and just. I will report at once on arrival of the last car.

Yours truly Geo. C. [illegible]
Supt. Const.

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Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 23 inst — also of notice of shipment of the last two or three cars of lumber. Please do not draw for the amount of the bill of July 26 until the last of it arrives and I compare the shipping bill. I do not yet see how you could have understood my order of July 26 to call for all heart stuff of 17 and 18 feet lengths. However, since you have sent that class of lumber I do propose to pay you $20 per M for it. The only heart stuff I ordered was 60 pcs 8 x 17 x 18 — But that matter is settled. Neither did I expect that you would cut the 7 pcs. 10 x 14 x 27, for 22^{00} per M. I do not however like to have you leave me to fix the price of this timber. As you are "an old mill man", and a gentleman, and in view of the fact that I am getting a large amount of lumber from you, I feel sure you will be reasonable, and just. I will report at once on arrival of the last cars.

Yours truly Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Con.

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Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 26 inst recd. What you say of the quality of the lumber, is true, and ~~as~~ you will see by my letter of 26 inst - which you have rec'd ere this - that I propose to pay you for the 17 and 18 feet stuff, the price you ask viz $20. per M. As you make no special mention of the other lengths, I take it for granted you propose to furnish it at the contract price. In the case of the 10 x 14 x 27, I expect to pay more than for other stuff of same length, and if you will fix a price, a settlement can be made as soon as the last four cars arrive. Cannot pay you 24.50 for flooring, but will make some calculations in a few days, and then make you a proposition for that stuff.

Yours Respy

Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Con.

Aug. 29 3

Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen,

Yours of 26 inst recd. Thickness of walls for outside doors, 21 inches. Please send me with the frames

about 2.000 ft lumber one inch thick
2.000 " " 1/2 inches "
1.000 " " 2 " "

or more if this is not sufficient to make with the frames a full car load. I want the lumber all clear stuff, and of various widths from 12 to 24 inches. Please make a contract for through freight rates. Do not begin the frames for other stories until you hear from me further. It is by no means certain as yet that the building can go higher than first story this fall. The work was very much delayed this summer by the cholera but is now progressing rapidly.

Yours Respy.
Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 29 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

Yours of 20 inst enclosing checks for $600. & $454.70 duly rec'd. I needed more money on Jubilee Hall a/c right away, and telegraphed you for one thousand on Monday 25. The two lien notes that I assumed for White, come due on the 26 inst. I will arrange for the payment until you can forward the amount — $212. Please send without delay, as ~~I am~~ cramped now on all sides for money. Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

Aug. 29 3

Mrs. Lizzie Rice
Edinboro Pa.

Dear Madam.

Your last letter duly rec'd. I have at last succeeded in seeing the County Supt. of schools in relation to your application for a position. He tells me that there are no vacancies at present. I am still inclined to the belief that you would do better to get a situation under the Am. Miſs. Association, if a full corps has not been secured, rather than come south on your own account. There are many difficulties in the south for northern people to contend with. I trust you may get a situation as teacher in the employ of the Association. Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

Sept. 2 3

Mr. R. N. Countee
Memphis Tenn.

Dr. Sir,

I am just in receipt of your favor of 30 ult. enclosing checks of $15— and $30, for Misses Burton, & Dickins. These ladies will be credited with the amounts named. Mr. Hubbard is no longer connected with the University. I enclose you our Circular for the present school year.

Yours Respy.
Thos. C. Steward
Asst Treas.

Sept. 4 3

Dear Bro. Willis:

I enclose herewith a check for $20 — It was made up by the Marion people residing at present in Nashville, and is for our Church in Marion, to be used towards paying for the new window blinds, or in any way you and the brethren may elect. The contributors are as follows — Henry Hall $5. James F. Childs $5. Mrs. L. C. Steward $3. Thos. C. Steward $3. Saml F. Davis (for his father) $2. Mrs. C. Wilson $1. Mr. Wilson .50¢ — Ernest C. Steward .50¢. I procured the check the day after our meeting to raise the money, but in the press of business, it was overlooked until now. We shall ever remember our dear little Church, in our prayers, and from time to time will add our "mites." Love to your family and all our dear friends.

Most truly Yours
Thos. C. Steward

Sept. 5 — 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro. Yours of 27 ult with check for $1000 on Jubilee Hall &c, and that of 1 inst with $212 on &c of Geo. White — received. Please send me immediately $1500 — more on Jubilee Hall &c. I expected over $900 on hand last of Aug, but it is about gone now, and I need this additional sum as soon as it can get here. Work progressing well. It will not do to lay the corner stone without you here. You have not seen a stone or brick of Jubilee Hall as yet, and I do not think Peter and White will be as well satisfied to have the building put up and completed without your seeing it. At this point you should by all means see the work for yourself. Try and be here on Thursday 18 —

Yours Truly

Jno. E. [illegible]

Sept. 5 3

Rev. E.M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 27 ult. with check for $1000 on Jubilee Hall a/c, and that of 1 inst with $212 on a/c of Geo. L. White — received. Please send me immediately $1500 — more on Jubilee Hall a/c. I reported over $900 on hand last of Aug. but it is about gone now, and I need this additional sum as soon as it can get here. Work progressing well. It *will* *not* *do* to lay the Corner Stone without you here. You have not seen a stone or brick of Jubilee Hall as yet, and I do not think Pike and White will be as well satisfied to have the building put up and completed without your seeing it. At this point you should by all means see the work for yourself. Try and be here on Thursday 18—

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Jubilee Hall &c. August 1873

Stone work on basement	1400	
Lumber	657 00	
Carpenter work	247 75	
Watchman	50	
Salary Superintendent	40	
Common Labor	32 30	
Iron work	8 15	
Land – Registering Deeds	7	
Postage	3	
Travelling expenses	5 50	
Telegraphing	1 25	
Horse and Carriage [illegible]	75	
Express	50	
	2453 30	
On hand last statement		757 50
Rec'd from Jubilee Fund		2600
" " other sources		32
		3389 50
Remaining on hand		936 20

Sept. 8 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Jubilee Hall a/c for month of August. The well on Fort Gillem has cost only $200. thus far. Some water has been reached, and the contractor feels confident he will find enough to supply the building. If he does *not* get a full supply, no more money is to be paid. The well is now about 108 feet deep, and the work is going on. The brick partitions in basement story were completed last week, and the stone contractor is now coming around on to the East front. He began at the South east corner, built along the south front, thence around the west end and along the rear to and around the north end. For that distance the wall is up to the top of the windows. There are two more ~~courses~~ to be laid including the arches over windows and doors. I am quite satisfied with the progress of the stone work at present. I will arrange to lay the Corner stone any day next week you may plan to be here, and shall expect

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you to notify me by telegraph on receipt of this — or as soon thereafter as possible — what day you will arrive. You will see by this that we expect you, and it will be a very serious disappointment if you do not come. The people of Nashville have heard so much about laying the corner stone of Jubilee Hall, the effect will be very bad upon our work if we do not carry out the programme this time. Indeed those of us here feel, that unless you come and this thing is accomplished now, there had better be nothing more said or done about it. I want to know as soon as possible so that notice can be given through the daily papers and in the city-churches next Sabbath. You will clearly see the importance of this. I am glad to hear the good news from the Jubilee Singers. Bro. White has written me concerning a suite of rooms in the Hall which I wish to consult you about, among other things. Please hurry forward the money as fast as I make requisition for it.

Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

Sept. 9 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 5 inst, received. I have worked all summer with the hope of getting Jubilee Hall enclosed before the severe winter weather set in. It is very doubtful about this being accomplished however. I trust the basement stone work will be completed by Oct. 20, and if there is no delay in getting on the water table, the brick work may commence very soon after the stone work is done. Swan & Brown of Nashville have the cut stone contract and are now getting out the water table. This contract will amount to about $8000. This does not include any of the cornice or facings on the dormers. Jones & Low of Nashville have the Iron Contract, but as this is being furnished by the pound, it is difficult to tell what it will cost. I will ask these gentlemen to make an estimate. The brick work will probably not fall below $8000. and may possibly reach $9.000. I will also ask for an estimate of this work. I had calculated to get only window and door frames while the walls are going up. Some weeks hence I may be able to give you an estimate on the wood work. Nothing definite can be given until it is decided of what material the cornice, and roof will be made. I confidently hope these questions will be settled while you are here next week. Thus far I have only drawn money as needed, and shall aim in future to keep just ahead of my demands. Shall use this week over $1.000. We rejoice in the success of the Singers, and trust they may gather a large harvest. The school here opens well as you have heard ere this. Forty boarders, and Bro. Bennett after more. I shall try to get off some Monthly statements for vacation very soon. Dont fail to come next week.

Yours Truly
Thos. G. Steward

Sept. 9 3

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 5th inst, with statement &c. enclosed - is rec'd. The last of the lumber was delivered so fast, I have not yet had time to go over all of it and check the bills. Please bear with me a little.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Con.

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Sept. 13 3

W. H. King Esqr
Gen. Ticket Agent
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir.

On the 21 ult. I wrote you in relation to half fare rates for Prof. Spence and myself over the lines of Railway operated by your Company — also for half fare for students coming to this University; but have received no reply to my communication. There are now at West Point Miss, seven young men who wish to come here, but are waiting the result of my application for half rates. I trust the arrangement can be consummated very soon, so that our students can have the benefit of the reduction. Hoping soon to hear from you; I am

Very Respectfully Yours
Thos. C. Steward
Act. Treas.

Sept. 20 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Yours of 8 inst with checks for $1000. and $500. recd. The larger one was put in Bank last week. the other will be used today. Please send me on Jubilee Hall a/c $1000. so that I can get it before next Saturday 27th inst. Also on receipt of this please send check to Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co. Clark St. Cor. 12th Chicago, for $591.50 and charge to Jubilee Hall a/c. This is for frames for first story, and lumber, and is now due.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward

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Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 18 inst just received. Last Saturday I settled with Mess. Gray, Kirkman & Co. and paid them the full amount of your bill less the freight which I paid the R. R. Co. from time to time as the lumber arrived. I detected two mistakes in your figures, both relating to the lumber on Car 885 shipped Aug. 15. You make 7 pcs. 10 x 14 x 27 foot up 2286 ft. I make it 2205 feet. Again you make the amounts 975 – and 1894 ft. foot up 2184 ft, when the aggregate should be 2869 ft. For these errors, Mess. G, K & Co. credited me with $8.13. Freight $202, so that I paid them cash $704.11

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Sup. Con.

P.S.
If I have made a mistake in correcting your errors, I will refund.

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Foss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen:

Yours of 10 inst. enclosing bills of Lumber & Frames - rec'd. I have requested our Asst. Treas. in New York to send you check for the amt. When you receive it, please fill out and return to me, the enclosed Rec't blank. The car arrived Saturday evening but has not been unloaded.

Yours Respy,
Thos. C. Steward
Sup. Con.

Sept. 23 3

To the Matron of [illegible] Home,
New York City.
Madam,

Please give me the name and address of the manufacturer of the Range you are using in the Home. What is the result of your experience with this style and size? Does it give entire satisfaction? We want something of the kind in our Seminary, and I trust you can give me information that will greatly aid us in the selection of a good Range. A prompt reply will oblige.

Yours truly,
Thos. C. [illegible]
Asst. Treas.

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Sept. 27 3

To the
Matron of "Chapin Home"
New York City.
Madam.

Please give me the name and address of the manufacturer of the Range you are using in the Home. What is the result of your experience with this style and size? Does it give entire satisfaction? We want something of the kind in our University, and I trust you can give me information that will greatly aid us in the selection of a good Range. A prompt reply will oblige.

Yours truly Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

Sept. 22 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

Our boarding department has filled up very rapidly. We have now about 60 students in the family, and several others will soon arrive. We are fitting up the attic rooms in the Dormitory, and it may be necessary to convert some of the school rooms into sleeping apartments, and use the chapel for school and study Hall. It will be necessary to make some changes in the kitchen at once. The old Range now in use is too small. The question is, whether it will be better to get a large stove with furniture complete, or purchase a Range suitable for Jubilee Hall. The stove we will not need after leaving these buildings, and such an one as would answer the purpose here will cost at least $150. It seems to me better economy to get the Range, and then it will be just what we need in the new building. Prof. Chase first called my attention to this matter. He says we must have something of larger capacity than what is now in use. All the students like Corn bread, and it will be greatly to our advantage to give them all they want of it, but it is not possible to bake one half enough for one meal. Prof. Chase and I are of the same mind as to the necessity of a change. Miss Sawtley says she cannot undertake to get along much longer under the present arrangements. I trust you will decide the question at once. If we do not get the walls of Jubilee Hall completed this fall in time for the roof — and it is not likely that we will — can we not better afford to buy a large Range out of that fund, than a stove from some other fund? A Range of the style and size that we saw at the "Chapin Home" on 66th street would probably be about what we need. Please give the matter your early consideration.

Yours Truly Thos. C. Steward

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W. H. King Esq.
Genl. Ticket Agent.
Louisville Ky.

Sir.

There are seven young men at West Point Miſs, who wish to come here to school at once. I give the names below, and trust you will send them an order for half rates as promised in your letter to Mr. Hubbard a short time since.—

Albert P. Miller
Hinton Alexander
Quinton B. Neale
Robert Neale

John W. Turner
B. J. A. Nixon
Henry Merry

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

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B. J. A Nixon.
West Point Miss.

Dear Sir.

Your Postal Card of 15th inst to Prof. Chase, is before me. I send today an application to the Gen. Ticket Agent at Louisville Ky. for half fare rates for yourself and six associates viz.- John W. Turner, Henry Merry, Albert P. Miller, Newton Alexander Quinton B. Neale, and Robt. Neale. I will ascertain from the Agent here by what route you will probably come.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward

Sept. 23   3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Since writing you last evening about a new Range or Stove for our kitchen, I have considered the matter more fully, and conferred with Prof. Chase in relation to it. It will probably be best to get a large size Stewart Stove instead of a Range. Our kitchen here is not so arranged that a Range of the size we will want in Jubilee Hall, can be accommodated without considerable expense in changing stairs &c. The old bath room in the corner of the kitchen has been taken out, so that there is more room in that apartment than ever before. The expense of setting up the Range here, then of taking down and resetting in Jubilee Hall, together with the interest on money for a year or more, will probably buy a Stewart stove of the size we need. This is a matter of great importance to us and I trust you will give it your earliest

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consideration and action. The fact that we have passed through other years with the arrangements for cooking the same as now, does not prove that it can be done this year, or that it will be wise to undertake it. The majority of southern people care vastly more for their stomachs than their heads. A scanty supply of bread and meat, or a badly cooked article, will drive students away from the Institution faster than a want of good teaching or the proper discipline. One other thing needed just now is a Laundry stove for heating irons. I can find here in Nashville a size that will heat eight sad irons at one time, but this is only about half large enough. A larger number of girls now in the Boarding Dept. than any time last year, the laundry work is largely increased. In purchasing the last named article of furniture, it might be well to have in mind Jubilee Hall, as we will need just such a stove in the ironing room there, of a large size.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward

Sept. 24 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

The President and some of the Directors of the "North Nashville Street R.R. Co." have conferred with me in relation to changing a portion of the track of that line from Ophelia Avenue, to Jefferson St. and running it out to Jubilee Hall. They estimate the cost of the change, and extension at $2,500. One thousand of this sum has been raised by citizens along the new line, the Company will pay $500, and put the road in running order during the fall and winter provided Fisk University will take $1000. of their stock. I only promised that the matter would be considered, and an answer given within ten days from this time. Of course it would not pay to take this stock as an investment for it pays no dividend, but there are other things to be considered. The Road will not be built there unless the said amount is taken by Fisk. Jefferson St. could be made a very pleasant street if properly graded and worked, as it would have to be if the R.R. track was laid there. As it is one of the two main avenues leading to our new site, it is very important that it should be in a condition that would not lead people to shun it as they now do at least one half the year. Many people in visiting Nashville would visit Jubilee Hall, if they could do so without paying from two to five dollars in hack bills. If this R.R. is built, visitors can take a car on the Public Square and ride to Jubilee Hall and back for 10 cts. When we occupy the new building the attendance of city students will be much more regular in the winter season — and probably considerably increased — if such a conveyance as the street cars can be employed. It will also be a great convenience to our teachers and boarders when we are located there, in coming to the city, & probably save much in a few years in physicians bills &c.

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a Street R.R. to Jubilee Hall will enhance the value of our property there. It will attract settlers to that vicinity, and there are very many other advantages in having such a line of communication with the city. These are some of the reasons why *prompt* action should be had. The Company will soon be obliged to thoroughly repair a large portion of its road bed and track and if this is done, *no change will be made.* Some of the largest property owners along the present line are opposed to the change, but as at present constituted a majority of the Board of Directors favor the change and will make it on condition above named. The Board has resolved to begin the repairs on present line at once, or make the proposed change. If we take the $1000. we are to have a guarantee that the road will be built at once to the point named, and I have asked the Prest. to submit to the Board whether if we take the stock they will sell tickets to all students and others connected with the University at the rate of 5 cts

The stock is now worth 40 [illegible] and if we wished to sell after the road was completed, the University would only be out six or seven hundred dollars at most, and in my judgement we would be benefitted more than this amount within two years. The opening of Robertson St. by bridging down Hollow has turned the travel from the north west into that channel, and made it a very popular drive for our city people. Jubilee Hall foundation is visited by hundreds every week. Although this does not as yet bring us any money, I think it will be of great advantage to us in the future. I shall present my bill for the new bridge, grading street &c, at the Oct. session of County Court, and Lawrence will engineer it through. By the way, he thinks the University should take the R.R. stock by all means. I hope it will appear to you as favorably as it does to me. Please give me an answer at the very earliest moment possible.

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Mr. Robert Naylor.
Greentown Miss.

Dear Sir.

I have just read your letter of 23 inst to your son Frank. In sending money to pay his expenses in the University—you had better in all cases send directly to me. If you cannot get a Money Order, send by Express. Frank is young, and I conclude has not had much experience in caring for himself—hence is liable to be imposed upon by designing persons. We advise all our students to pay their money into the University as soon as it is received, and then they will suffer no loss. Credit is given for whatever amount is paid, and if books, or necessary articles of clothing are wanted, I will furnish money so long as there is anything to his credit. I trust you will find it convenient to remit the $15 soon.

Yours Resp'y

Sept. 2[illegible] 3

Messrs. J. S. Lithgow & Co.
Louisville Ky.

Gentlemen,

I want for [illegible]
to Clean Eq. No. 9 the following pieces:
2 Legs, 1 Ash pan, 1 Grate, [illegible]
Please give me the price of the above [illegible]
If the expense is not too much I will [illegible]
the stove now on hand instead of [illegible]
a new one. Do not ship until you hear
[illegible] further.

Yours Resp'y
Thos C. Steward
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Sept 25 3

[illegible] Chamberlain & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen.

I want the following pieces for the Globe Stove manufactured by you to replace parts burned out and broken

[illegible] No. 8 1 Fire Pot, 2 Doors, 1 Top slide for Door.

[illegible] No. 5 1 Fire Pot, 1 Ash Pan front, 2 Doors, 1 lid.

[illegible] will the whole lot cost? I wish to see price before I order these articles. A prompt reply will oblige.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

Sept. 30

T. J. [illegible] Esq.
Gen. Ticket Agent
Louisville Ky.

Dr Sir,

Your favors of 23 and 25 inst. received. Your letter of Aug 2d to Mr. Hubbard enclosing his letter of June 8 with the endorsement of Mr. Rowland thereon, was received by me after my appointment to the office as ~~his~~ Hubbard's successor. On the 27 of Aug I wrote you in relation to the half fare rates, and returned as you requested, Mr. Hubbard's letter. If my letter of that date has been received, the letter of Mr. Hubbard with Mr. Rowlands endorsement must certainly be in your office. The seven young men and women at West Point Miss awaiting half fare orders have arrived at the University since I wrote you on the 23 inst. Has the application for half fare orders for Prof. Spence and myself been acted upon? We will have much travelling to do in our educational work, and trust they [illegible] will [illegible]

Yours truly, [illegible]

Sept. 30 3

Rev. Barnabas Root
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir,

Your Postal Card of 25th was rec'd last Saturday. Accept thanks for your trouble with the box of freight. We expect Mr. & Mrs. Andrews and the teachers for Montgomery will call on us. We are looking for them now. I see by this morning's paper that the Yellow fever has reached your city. If such is the case I do not think Bro Andrews will feel like venturing farther than Nashville for a few days. We will take good care of him, and send him along as soon as there is no danger. Please write me about it as soon as this is rec'd so that I will know how to advise our friends who are on their way to Montgomery. I expected to have written you ere this about the Rifle but Bro. Cravath did not come to Nashville as was expected. He knows the cost of the Winchester and I do not. Will find out however and write you.

Yours Truly Thos. C. Steward.

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Sept. 30 3

Miss Jemima Nichols
Montgomery Ala.
Madam.

Mr. George Ferguson of your City has been here to see our school and arrange for entering his daughter Elizabeth who is now living with you. He tells me that his little girl is not yet 13 years of age. We do not as a rule take students into our Boarding department, under the age of 13. If persons are pretty well advanced in their studies, and are of correct habits, we sometimes receive them even though not more than 12 years old. Pray have the kindness to give me a description of this girl — as to her character, habits &c — and give me the names of her teachers where she has attended school in the last three or four years. With this information as a guide, we will consider her case. I enclose herewith a circular that will give you an idea of our school.

Yours Respectfully Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

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Rev. C. M. Cravath
Dear Br.

I enclose herewith a small bill for repairs of rooms in which we now live, & also carpet for one room &c. Similar bills have been paid by the University — some of them very recently. I forward this however as you directed.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Am. Miss. Association in a/c with
Thos. C. Steward Dr

1873 To Carpet repairs of rooms &c 34.15

Rec'd payment
Thos. C. Steward

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Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

Your favor of 30 ult. only just rec'd. I was glad of the $1000 on Jubilee Hall a/c. Messrs. Goss & Phillips of Chicago have acknowledged receipt of check from you $591.50. In company with Judge Lawrence I have seen the Prest. of North Nashville St. R.R. Co. since your letter was rec'd. Nothing will be done about building the new road unless we take $1000 in stock. The Company is now waiting for our decision, and I will notify the Prest. today that we will subscribe this amount on certain conditions. The students will be passed at 5¢ each way but no others connected with the University, as it is considered an unfair discrimination between ourselves and other stockholders. The fare for all others will be 4 tickets for 25¢. Hopkins and Bennett both absent. Lawrence thinks we should not fail to secure this road. Yesterday I presented the [illegible]

[illegible] Council. It was referred to Committee with instructions to report at the January term.

After you telegraphed that you could not be here [illegible] the Corner stone laying was postponed. I am satisfied that this was the wisest course all things considered. There was probably not the best time for this ceremony.

I am still very anxious to have you come here at an early day. I want your counsel and advice before the work progresses much farther. And in this matter I trust you will not refer me to Trustees and others here, for none of these have given this work any careful study, and know nothing of it. Our stone Contractor is a good mechanic, but is not equal to a large undertaking like this. There has been no trouble but some delay. Unfortunately he is not willing to be advised and counselled.

I am crowding as fast as I can with moral suasion, but do not like to adopt a sterner policy until you shall have seen the work and been made acquainted with all the facts relating thereto. The basement might be completed in four weeks, but I am not certain. It will be done next week if possible, and we will lay the Corner stone at that time if you think best.

Yours truly, Thos. C. Steward

Oct. 11 [illegible]

[illegible] M. Cravath

Dear Br.,

Please send me $1000 in Jubilee Hall &c., so that I may receive it by Saturday 16th inst. At that time I will have to pay my brick and one Contractors each one thousand dollars. I have paid the stone mason pretty close to his work, so as to keep it under way. I am now inclined to think that he will not only not make anything on the job, but will fall considerably behind. He evidently feels this himself. For three or four weeks past I have not paid him as much as he wanted, and today he told me that unless he could pay his masons in full tomorrow evening, they would quit work and go elsewhere. I can give the men no assurance, but that I will pay every one dollar that the work comes to. They are now building the arches over the windows. The wall is completed all around except the Cast Iron Cornices.

Yours truly, [illegible]

Oct. 11

Mrs. J. A. Cosby
Oberlin Ohio.

Madam.

A few days since your son C. M. Cosby received a Money Order from you, and thinking that it was payable to Miss Rebecca Macey, he requested her to endorse it. On presenting it at the Post Office, I learned that the order was payable to your son, and consequently could not be collected. I return the order herewith to you. By calling at the office and explaining to your Post Master, the matter will be righted by him, by giving you a new order. I would suggest that in sending money to your son for expenses in the University, you make checks or Money orders payable to me directly, and they can then be collected without delay.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
Ass't Treas.

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Mrs Mary Booker
Columbia Tenn.

Dear Madam

Your son Charles paid upon entering school here ten dollars in advan for four weeks board, and three and a half dollars tuition for one term. Upon the 6th of this month ten dollars for the next four weeks board became due. Our terms are strictly in advance. Please send the money at your earliest convenience. Send by check or P O order payable to my order.

Very Respectfully

Oct 15th [illegible] 6

Mr Alfred Cannon

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst. was rec'd today. Your son George entered school here Sept 15th. According to our requirements he paid in advance for four weeks board ten dollars, and tuition for one term three-half dollars. He has spent over two dollars for books and stationery and about five for articles of clothing &c. He has promised to write you soon and explain how the five dollars went. This week monday board for the next four weeks became due. You will see that but little of the twenty two dollars remains. As I thought he would probably need something for books and other necessaries I advised him to send for more than the ten dollars due for board. You had better send a P.O. order payable to me. I have advised George to send you a full statement of his expenses since leaving home.

Respectfully

Oct. 22 3

Mrs. J. A. Cosby
Oberlin Ohio.

Madam.

Your favor of 16th inst rec'd. I am surprised that your Post Master should give you such information. Certainly he is not familiar with his duties and instructions. You will please call his attention to the rules on the back of this order, especially the first one under Miss Masseys name, which positively prohibits more than one endorsement. He can take this up and issue you another. It is *not* contrary to our rules to send money to students, but we think it best that they should not have much money in their possession. I trust you will have no further trouble with the Money Order.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward.

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Oct. 22 3

Miss Rebecca Mickle.
Marion Ala.

Dear Friend.

Your letter of 19th inst was received this day. Our plan is to give you $50. from the Peabody fund, which will pay your expenses in the University at least four months. As soon as it is thought best for you to begin teaching we will help you to get a school somewhere in this state. In this way you can earn money enough by the first of next Sept. to pay your own expenses in school nearly or quite through the year. By this course you will be able in a few years to put yourself through a full College course, and thus be prepared for doing much good among your people. This aid is offered on condition that you pay your own expenses in coming to Nashville, and clothe yourself. You should lose no time in getting here. Come to Selma, then to Calera, and there you will take the train that will bring you into Nashville. Mr. Willis will advise you about travelling. Kind regards to all. Yours sin'y Thos. C. Steward

Oct 25th

Mr. Alfred Cannon
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst containing P.O. order for ten dollars was duly received. It was all right, and I trust you may always be so exemplary in promptness.

Respectfully
Geo. C. Steward
Asst. Treas

Oct 25th 3

Mr P. H. Dejoie
New Orleans La.

Dear Sir

Yours of 21st inst at hand
Our terms are two & a half dollars per week for
board and three & a half tuition for one term in
the Intermediate Department. We require ten
dollars - the price of four weeks board and tuition
for one term to be paid in advance. Both of
your sons are in the Int. Dept. Their tuition for
the first term ending Dec. 17 is $3.50 apiece -
and board for four weeks from the time they came
(Sept. 11th to Oct 9th) $10 each. The first bill then
[illegible] paid including board for four weeks and tuition
for one term for both boys was twenty seven dollars.
On the 9th of this month another board bill of twenty
dollars became due. As we depend upon the money
received from our patrons with which to carry on the
school it becomes necessary for us to enforce our rule
[illegible] payments in advance. Your sons paid the sum of
eight dollars into the Treasury at the time they entered the
school. Enclosed find Circular. Resp'y Thos. C. Steward

Oct. 25 3

Will. H. Brearly
Detroit Mich

Dear Sir.

Yours of 22 inst asking for 7 copies "Jubilee Songs" rec'd. I send them this day as you request – also copy of the Nashville Banner containing an account of Corner Stone laying of "Jubilee Hall" on the 21 inst. Use your own discretion about copying the whole, or any portion of this article into your paper. Several of the leading Newspapers of the North have for a year or two past sent us their regular issues for our University Reading Room, free of charge. Perhaps the Proprietors of "the Evening News" will confer a like favor. Several of our teachers are from your State, and are always interested in news from that section.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward

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J. R. Lawrence & Co.
Beloit Wis.

Gents.

Please send me specimens of your fire and damp proof paper board for sheathing, lining and plastering buildings &c, with prices of each, and full particulars.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

Oct. 29   3

Rev Levi Coffin.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir.

We need for the University a fire and burglar proof safe of medium size, in which to keep the books and records of the school. Will you have the kindness to visit the manufacturers and dealers in Safes in your city, and see if some friend or friends will not donate one? If one cannot be procured in this way, please get the best terms on which one can be purchased.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

Oct. 29 3.

National School Furniture Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

We want immediately for our University, 100 double desks. At what price will you furnish this number of the "National Study Desk," in ash and walnut, and how soon can they be finished and shipped? Please give me your best terms. When our new buildings are completed we shall want a large amount of School furniture. A prompt reply will oblige.

Yours Respy.

Thos. C. Steward

Oct. 29 3

Mr. H. Stone.
Tupelo. Miss.

Dear Sir.

I send you herewith a School Warrant belonging to Geo. E. Davis, now a student in our University. He proposes to sell it for the same price — .80¢ on the dollar — as the one sent you a few weeks since. As he needs the money, I trust you will be able to dispose of it at once. Please remit by Express in my care.

Yours Resp'y
Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

Oct. 29 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

The new stove and fixtures came last Friday. Miss Sanctey at once pronounced the stove a failure, and will not consent to having it set up and tried. Perhaps she has written you in relation to it. She has been trying to exchange for a Charter Oak, but will probably not succeed as there is no demand for Stewart stoves in this city. She has been advised to send it back to New York, and then buy from parties in this place. Of course that advice comes from a Nashville stove merchant. I do not think we can afford to pay so much for freight, where no good reason exists for doing so, and I trust you will not sanction such a course. We are putting up a room with shed roof, in rear of Prof. Chase's rooms, and south of the school room, for Mrs. Chase's kitchen. The room she is now using for that on the front row, will then be fitted up for Prof. Haywards family room, and two bed rooms will be taken off the upper end of school room. This arrangement best suits Prof's Chase and Spence, and I raise no objection. I have made a contract for Kalsomining the Chapel, and expe the work to begin this week. It is to cost fifty dollars. Have also rec'd two or three bids for putting in gas fixtures, and I presume this will be done also. It will not cost over seventy dollars. Chase and I have investigated the new school desk matter, and shall probably adopt the "National Study Desk" made in Chicago— It has both folding desk and seat, and is about as cheap as any improved furniture in the market. Students continue to come in. Miss Ford's condition is not at all favorable. We have the sad intelligence from Memphis that three or four of the teachers—including Supt. and wife—have died from yellow fever.

I paid out considerable money last Saturday to various parties, and in doing so exhausted the University fund. I could do no better than telegraph you for money on Jubilee Hall a/c so as to replace what I have drawn out for my building operations.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Nov. 1 3

Dear Bro Willis.

I enclose herewith receipt from R.R. Co. for provisions shipped you a day or two since. They charge 1.79 per bbl for beef as you will see in the caption, or one half this amt. for what was sent you. The agent at Marion can-not charge you more for any article on this bill than is specified in the contract, although he may try to do so. If there is any trouble about the rates, I will arrange with the agent here with whom the contract was made. They would not receive the potatoes unless the freight was guaranteed, as it is so late in the season they might freeze and spoil. I trust you may receive the goods all right

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Nov. 3   3

Rev. E. O. Tade
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 1st inst enclosing money order for seven dollars on a/c of Emma Brumagh rec'd. Her a/c stands thus:

Board from Sep. 8 to Oct. 6	10.
" " Oct. 6 to Nov. 3	10.
Tuition Sept. 1 to Dec. 19	3.50
	$23.50
Cr. By Cash	17.
Due to date	6.50

The rules of our institution require payment in advance for four weeks board and one term tuition. Board for her third month falls due today, so that she is now owing $16.50 Please read this statement of a/c to Emmas mother, and ask that the money be sent as soon as possible

Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

Nov 3 3

Rev. E. O. Tade
Chattanooga Tenn

Dear Sir,

Yours of 1st inst enclosing money Order for seven dollars on a/c of Emma Browning recd. Her a/c stands thus:

Board from Sep. 8 to Oct. 6	10.
" " Oct. 6 to Nov. 3	10.
Tuition Sept. 1 to Dec. 19	3.50
	$23.50
Cr. By Cash	17.
Due to date	6.50

The rules of our institution require payment in advance for four weeks board and one term tuition. Board for the third month falls due today so that she is now owing $16.50. Please read this statement to Emma's mother, and ask that the money be sent as soon as possible.

Yours truly [illegible]

Nov 4th

Mr Wm Warford

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3d inst containing check for thirteen dollars was rec'd this morning. Your daughter is doing well

Very Truly
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

Nov. 3 [illegible]

Mrs. Mary Booker.
Columbia Tenn.
Madam,

The rules of our institution require that payment for each four weeks board be made in advance. You were made acquainted with this fact before your son Charles entered the boarding department, and I am surprised that you do not send money more promptly to pay his expenses. There are over one hundred in our family to feed, and unless our patrons meet their obligations when they fall due, we cannot keep up. You are now owing the institution over $30 and I trust you will send it immediately. Get a Post Office Money order payable to me.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. St[illegible]
Asst. Treas.

Nov. 6 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 27 ult enclosing $1000. on Jubilee Hall &c was rec'd last week. I had to pay the brick, iron and stone contractors besides several large bills on University &c, so that the money was soon used up. Seeing there was not time to write and get returns by the last of this week, I telegraphed on Monday evening for another thousand, and trust it will get here on time as there are large bills to pay and the fund on hand is about $100. The Saturday after you left, when I went to pay Terry, he demanded $800. and on being told he could only have $400, he got very angry and did considerable "cussin". Referring to your speech he said we boasted of having the whole Universe at our back, plenty of money on hand, and more coming in every day, and yet we were taking advantage of him just because he was a "poor nigger". He said he would quit the job if I wished, but I told him the responsibility of such a course would rest entirely upon himself.

After he had taken the $300, he continued his abuse until his men were thoroughly ashamed of him, and they compelled him to leave the building and go down the street. I said very little to him, as it was evident he was not in good humor. The following Monday I went out to Jubilee Hall and told Lerry I wanted him to select his man to measure the stone work, and we could know within two days how the matter stood. I told him that I should expect him and his sureties to refund what had been overpaid. He said he did not want the walls measured now - he was very sorry for what he said the previous Saturday, was mad at the time, and hoped I would not mention the matter to anyone. He had now determined to go on and finish the work if it obliged him to sell every dollars worth of property he owned. If I would not insist upon measuring the walls before they were completed, he would not make me any further trouble about it. With these and other similar promises, I told him to go on with the work. He certainly appeared humble, if not sincere. The East side is completed, the top brought to a perfect level ready for the Water table, and all the scaffolding torn away - the north end the same. For three or four days past they have been at work on the South front, beginning at the Corner stone and working westward. Yours truly, Thos C. Steward

Nov. 7   3.

Dear Bro Willis.

I enclose check for 10. for Rebecca Nickle. Her letter of 4th inst came this morning. She writes it will be impossible for her father to get his money before Christmas and she can't come until he does. This will help her out of the difficulty, and I trust she will soon be here. We are all well.

Yours truly,
Thos. C. Steward

Nov. 8 3

Mrs. J. A. Cosby
Oberlin Ohio.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of 4 inst, enclosing Money Order for $40, to apply on acct of your son in the University, was this day received. Did the Post Master give you this order for $40, on payment of $90, and the surrender of the order previously taken out? I trust you did not lose anything in the transaction, as it has cost you too much already in the way of trouble. Please accept thanks for this timely payment & will forward you in a few days a full statement of your son's account. He wanted but $10, this morning, and that amount was paid him. I will get a statement from his teacher as to his progress in studies.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward.

Nov. [illegible]

N. J. Smith
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 4 inst, with check for $15.- to apply on a/c of Miss Ida Dickens - is received, and credit has been given for this amount. Thanks for prompt payment.

Yours Resp'y

Thos C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

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Nov. 6 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Yours of 3th inst enclosing check for $1000. on Jubilee Hall &c – was this day rec'd. On receipt of this, please send me $600. on same &c so that I may have it by the last of next week. I am not using all this money in the Construction department, but have to refund that was borrowed from the University – Reserve fund, a heavy demands are now being made on this.

Miss Emerson arrived this morning, and accompanied me to Jubilee Hall this afternoon when I went to pay off the men. The work on the building is progressing quite satisfactorily.

Next Monday I will send you Financial Reports for the University – for June, July, August, and Sept. and for Jubilee Hall – Sept. & Oct.

Repairs on Chapel completed yesterday, and last night the hitherto dreary looking place was lighted by clear white walls, and gas from 18 burners – Col. Prosser delivered his second lecture

Yours Tru,
Thos. C. Steward.

Nov. 10 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Fisk University Financial Reports for the months of June, July, Aug. & Sept. At the close of the last School year, Mr. Hubbard reported Cash on hand as follows:

Peabody Fund	537.57	Book & Staty a/c	27.98
Donation a/c	68.48	General Fund	283.59
	$606.05		$311.57 = $917.62

The Bank book shows that he transferred to Prof. Chase 370.24. On taking charge of the office I found in Bank 606.05. On starting to Lookout Mt. in July Prof. Spence turned over to me 47.70 of University fund as he supposed. It was afterwards found that the Bank Cashier had by mistake transferred 50. of Prof Spence's personal fund, to the University fund. In opening my accts, I charged Cash with 370.24 turned over to Chase June 3. In July I charged Cash with 606.05 and also with 50. recd from Prof. Spence. Later Cash is credited with 50. refunded to Spence. If I understand Mr. Hubbards accts, Peabody and Donation funds do not come into his reports to you, excepting as students are aided from these funds in the payment of board tuition &c. I trust you will correct me if this is not the right understanding. The accts appear very plain as Mr. Hubbard left them the last of May, but before I came in office they had passed through so many hands things were not quite so clear. Then I am frank to admit that I did not understand the difficult questions of Book Keeping, and do not now as well as I hope to after more experience in this line of business. If errors are committed, you will remember that I assumed the duties of this office under some embarrassments. Now that I am nearly up to date with my office work, I promise the monthly Reports more promptly. I trust these are not too late for the acknowledgement of our receipts in the next Missionary.

Yours Truly

Thos. C. Steward

Nov. 11 3

Rev. E M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Jubilee Hall a/c for Sept. Terry thinks he will complete the stone work in one week after this, but it is not probable that he will get along so fast as that. The south front is nearly done. Mr. Hall is getting ready to mount the iron beams on the columns in the corner room, and by the time that is accomplished Terry will be far enough along so that Hall can begin putting on the floor timbers. Have had several days of beautiful weather for work. On receipt of this please send me $500. on Jubilee Hall a/c, to finish paying the iron contractors and for other purposes.

Yours truly
Thos. C. Steward

Nov. 1[illegible] [illegible]3

Rev. C. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith our University Financial Report for Oct. Our expenses as you will see, are very heavy. I have suggested some reductions, but am met with stern opposition. The only course left for me is to pay bills when presented, without asking a question, or positively refuse to do so. At the rate we are now going the Association will have to come to the rescue before Spring, or we will be obliged to close up. Many of the Students are behind in their payments, and some of them will probably remain so. Our repair bills for Nov. will be *very large*, but these changes and improvements appear to be necessary. Perhaps you can suggest remedies for these difficulties.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Stewart.

Nov. 15 3

F. H. Davis & Co.
Beloit Wis.
Gentlemen.

Yours of 4 inst rec'd. Also samples of your paper. Please ship me immediately by Express C.O.D. enough of the oak grained like the sample herewith enclosed, to cover 850 square feet of space. Also a sufficient number of the double pointed tacks to put on the paper with. Please give directions about using the paper. I will make prompt returns by Express on receipt of bill with goods.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

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Nov. 15 3

Post Master
Columbia Tenn.

Sir,

I enclose herewith the Advice of Money Order drawn by Mary Booker and sent to A. K. Spence. You evidently made a mistake in giving her this part of the order. Please correct mistake and forward what will enable me to draw the money at the office in Nashville.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward
Asst. Treas.

Nov. 17 3

Mr. John Stroub
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir.

Your son Lewis Reynolds tells me you have sent money to pay his expenses in the University, but it has not been received. Please see what has caused the delay and have the money forwarded as soon as possible. We have now in the boarding department nearly 120 persons, and our expenses are very heavy. Parties of whom we purchase supplies require cash, and we must require the same of our patrons. Your son is now owing the Institution a little over $20. and on Thursday of this week another four weeks board will come due $10 so that by the time you receive this letter Lewis will be indebted to us about $30 I trust you will pay promptly.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. E. Steward
Asst. Trea.

Nov. 17 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 14 inst just rec'd.
We are sorry to hear of your sickness, and fear
it has been brought on by overwork. We most
earnestly hope you are able to be in office today
as you expected to be. I succeeded in raising
money enough to use last Saturday so that
was not seriously embarrassed. The check
for $600. is just in time. Terry has not finished
his work yet—will probably be three weeks or
more on it. For two weeks past I have only
paid him $150 at a time, and if the work
goes too slow, shall stop paying altogether.
He completed the south front Saturday, and
has done some work on the west end.
I send you herewith Jubilee Hall a/c for Oct.
Hope to refund the money this month borrowed
from the University.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

No. 19

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of 15th inst. dictated while in bed at home—is rec'd. If Hubbard made a Report for May he failed to retain a copy—at least I have been unable to find it in the office. Duplicates of all other Monthly Statements of last year are on file. For want of the May Report, I have no means of knowing whether my June Report agrees with it or not. The figures given in my letter of 10 inst, are taken from Hubbard's cash Jo, and I should have stated this instead of saying that he "reported" &c. There is a discrepancy between the amt. shown on his book—$311.57—and the amt. transferred to Bank Book of Prof. Chase—$320.24—that I cannot account for. This is probably what you refer to, but the mistake is not mine. I give you the figures as I find them. In estimating the cost per month of board, why should not employés and their children be counted? Are not Laundry, Kitchen and other employés in the same relation to the Institution so far as board is concerned as school room and office employés—teachers and officers—since all are paid a certain

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month or year, and boarded? I was in error in assuming, that all the 58 students were present during the entire month, but did not see my mistake until you called attention to it. You are right about the fuel - Family Expenses include only $24 - for wood & coke. This is not so far from a true statement however, as but a small amt. of the fuel reported under Fuel a/c to 10th was consumed in Sept. I do not see how it will be possible to make any estimate on coal and wood - purchased as our supply was this term - until the close of the year. At the rate we have started out, I do not think our fuel bills will average less than $200 per month for six months. It is not fair to take Sept. as giving the exact cost of board, neither will it be fair to take Oct. or Nov. I will however estimate as closely as possible on each month as we pass along, and at the end of year we will get exact figures. The prospect for getting through the year inside of our income, does not seem at all flattering. I will do all in my power consistent with the health and comfort of the family, to make the year a success financially. Prof. Heywoods rooms are not ready for occupancy, although all has been done that could have been done to complete them. They will occupy Prof Spences Parlor until the work is finished. We have planned to give the new comers a reception the first evening after their arrival. Yours truly Thos. C. Steward

Nov. 19 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I have never thought best to return the P. P. Stewart stove to New York. I am fully convinced it will meet our wants better than any stove that can be found in the market. Indeed we are getting along very well now, and have not suffered any from the first. The new stove has not been fired yet, and it may not be necessary to incur this additional expense. If its presence in the kitchen full rigged, continues to answer our purpose — as it has seemed to do for three weeks past — it will prove to be the most economical stove in existence, and I will cheerfully add my testimonial to this effect. If with this outlay, the old Range can be made to do such good service, is it not possible that with the addition of another P. P. Stewart, we can save the expense of getting a New Range for Jubilee Hall? This is certainly a matter worth considering.

Yours truly

Thos. C. Steward

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Nov. 24 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

Your Card of 21 inst. just rec'd. I am very glad you are able to be in office again. Am just in receipt of a proposition from Halls Safe Co. Cincinnati — through Mr. Coffin 176 Elm St. — to furnish the University a Safe at from 40 to 50 % off regular prices. Before any purchase is made I would like to have you call on two or three of the leading Mfrs of New York and get circulars with best terms &c. We should not be a week longer without a safe, as there is danger of a destructive fire in these old buildings at any time. Only last week a fire broke out in the attic of High school room, but was discovered in time to prevent trouble. If it had been one hour earlier while the family were at evening devotions, the consequences might have been serious. We cannot afford to lose the records of the University and valuable papers belonging to Jubilee Hall. It seems to me it will be good economy to purchase such a safe as will answer our purpose after we get into the new building.

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Mess. Chamberlain & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen.

Please send me by Express C.O.D. the following pieces of castings for stoves manufactured by you:

For Globe No. 4 One slide for top of door
One leg.

For Globe No. 5 Two doors.

The pieces you sent Mess. Phillips, Butoff & Co. of this City, were for these same stoves, but the door slide was broken on arrival, and the doors for No. 5 too short by 5/16 of an inch. In sending these castings I wish you would pack in a small box so they will not get broken on the way. By filling this order promptly you will confer a favor.

Yours Respy
W. P. Stewart

Dec. 2 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 25 ult. rec'd

I am very glad to know you are able to assume the duties of your office. One day last week I was informed by a man in the employ of a Stove dealer in this City, that he had put up in the Kitchen of Fisk Univers of a large Charter Oak Cooking Stove. This is all I know about it as the Matron has said nothing to me about the transaction. It is rumored that you authorized the purchase. I do not know what has been done with the Stewart Stove that you sent from New York — will try to ascertain, and if I can get peaceable possession of it will ship to Mobile as you have directed.

Yours truly,

T. C. Steward

Dec. 4 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

The note of Geo. L. Whit for second payment on his lot, was due on the 1st inst and has been presented for collection. The amount as you will see by reference to my letter of July 7th, is $438.80 The man who holds the note is needing the money, and wishes it paid as soon as possible.

Yours truly

T. G. Steward.

Dec. 4 . 3

Mess Chamberlain & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gents.

Yours of 29 ult rec'd. Enclosed find 60^{c} for the castings named in my letter of 25 ult, which you will please send by Express at once. Please note the length of the doors I ordered and be certain they are not too short.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

Dec. 6 3

Rev E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Enclosed I hand you Jubilee Hall &c for month of November. In my letter of 11 ult, I asked for $800. from Jubilee fund. As you were sick at the time, I presume my requisition was overlooked. I have no money to disburse on building &c today, and I presume Terry will be very much disappointed. I have not yet paid all on Iron work that was promised. Please send $1000. so that I can have it by next Saturday. Mess Seward & Brown are preparing the [illegible] and will be ready to begin putting it on as soon as I get the floor timbers in place. This cannot be done to very good advantage until Terry has the basement completed. Less than 125 feet of wall to finish. I will commence placing the joists on Monday next. Mr. Hall expects to go to Warren in about two weeks, and return with his family as soon as possible after Jany 1st.

Yours truly,

T. C. Steward

Dec. 6 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

Please send fifty or
one hundred copies of the "Jubilee Songs"
of the latest edition. We have frequent
calls for them, and would like to be able to
furnish. Hope soon to hear from you in relation
to the Safe. New arrivals occasionally. Two
young men came yesterday from Somerville Ten
and paid each $10. We can accommodate
about 20 more with very little additional expense
for rooms. About 2/5 of the Int. school room has
been taken for recitation room. My proposition
is to put in the other apartment, bunks after
the style of soldiers barracks. Twenty four can
occupy the room to advantage, and that number
can probably be found who will pay fifty cents
a month extra for a fire, and a stove can be
placed in the center of the room. A similar
arrangement for girls can be made if necessary, by using
the prayer room, and transfer all our religious meetings
to the chapel, which is now heated by two large stoves
and one of the school room heaters, placed on the
main floor of the Chapel. Yours truly

Dec. 11 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Enclosed I hand you Fisk University Financial Report for Nov. In the absence of instructions from you, I paid freight on Prof. Hayward's goods, and purchased the furniture his family needed.

The item Family Expenses does not include fuel excepting 14. for Coke. Our meat bill for last month has not been paid yet. Money is a little more plentiful now. Only two new boarders thus far this month.

Dr. B. Sears Agent Peabody Fund is in the City, and visited Fisk to-day. We are promised 800. from that fund for next year.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

P.S.
I return herewith Hubbard's May Report
T. C. S.

Dec. 16 3

Mrs. Martha Ferguson
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of 10 inst. in relation to the account of your daughter Ida is received. Her account stands thus:—

Board 16 weeks from Aug. 31 to Dec. 21	40.
Tuition for 1st term from Sep. 1 to Dec. 19	3.50
Music 22 lessons to Nov. 29	11.
Cash paid her at different times	1.80
Stationery	.25
	56.55

Ida has paid as follows:—

Sep. 7	Cash	30.
Nov. 6	"	15.
		45

Balance due the University 11.55 which will pay board until Dec. 21 tuition to Dec. 19 and for music only to the last of November. We need the money very much, and trust you will send right away.

Yours truly, Thos. C. Steward.

Dec. 17 3

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 15th inst. rec'd. Yours of 2 inst. was duly rec'd and the four dollars applied on payment of your sisters expenses in the University. The letter was afterward mislaid and that is how I failed to answer it. I enclose herewith a statement of Lulus a/c to date. It includes board until Jany 8 – tuition until the close of the present term Dec. 19 – and music until Nov. 29. I cannot charge her for music this month until the close as it is not known how many lessons she will take. It will be about four dollars however. You will do well to send about forty dollars for expenses next term, of board, tuition, music &c. I shall be glad to receive it as soon as you can send, as we are pressed for means at this season of the year.

Yours Truly
Thos. C. Steward

Dec. 17 3

Warren [illegible]
Cincinnati Iron Works
Cincinnati Ohio.

Sir,

At what price per pound will you furnish [illegible] lbs. of cast iron Columns and beams, delivered on the cars in your City for shipment to this point? The Columns are all to be fluted — nine of them 11 feet long, and twelve to be 13 feet in length. Hope to hear from you promptly.

Yours Respectfully
T. C. Steward

Dec. 18 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 10 inst with three checks enclosed — is rec'd. I am glad to learn that your health is improving. I forgot to state that the White note was on interest. It amounted to $12.00 and has been paid. Good weather for work all of the week thus far. Terry may possibly get through by first of Jany. When I left public Hall yesterday noon he had five windows and two doors to finish. About a week ago I notified Terry's principal bondsman that unless the slow work was pushed rapidly to completion, I would be obliged to trouble them. Two of the bondsmen have followed him closely since that time. Have paid Terry nothing for two weeks past. The new school furniture is on the way from Chicago. I enclose Safe Circulars from Cin. that you may compare terms. I suppose you will have an eye to the future wants of the University, in buying a Safe.

Yours truly, T. C. Steward

Dec. [illegible] 3

[illegible] Mfg. Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gents.

Your favor of 20 inst just rec'd. What is the difference in the price of cast iron work now and [illegible] of pig cast? What kind of iron do you use in the manufacture of this class of work?

Yours Respy.
Thos. C. Steward
Supt. Con.

Dec. 26 3

Miss Ida B. Gauth
Columbia Tenn.

Dear Friend.

Your favor of 22 inst. with Money Order for five dollars enclosed is received. I had no trouble in getting the money, and have placed the same to your credit. You are still owing the University $14. and I should be glad to have you send this amount *right away*, in order that I may balance your account on the last day of the present month. We are *very* *much* in need of money just now, and the patrons of our school will do us a great favor by paying up these balances. I trust you will be here in time for the opening of next term Jan'y 5th. See if you cannot bring with you two or three good students.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Stewart

Dec. 16

Mr. Alfred Cannon.
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 20 inst is received. On the 6th inst I recd from you a Money Order for $10 and placed this amount to your son's credit. On the 8th inst another four weeks board came due, and as there was a balance at that time in his favor of 1.10 he is now owing the University $8.90 This amt. is to pay his board to Jany 5th. On that day the second term opens and he will be expected to pay tuition in advance $2.25, and also another four weeks board $10. I will wait on you until the first of Jany, and shall expect you then to send the whole amount $21.15. We are hard pressed for money just now, and I trust there will be no delay on your part.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

Dec. 26

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis.
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 27 inst. enclosing $1.00 on your sisters a/c is rec'd. Lulu has taken but three music lessons this month, so there is but $1.50 due for music up to Jany 1. From Jany 8, the time to which her board has been paid, until Mch. 16, the day on which the third term begins, there are 9 weeks and 5 days. Board for this time will amount to $24.50. Tuition for second term $9.75. Whole amt. for board and tuition $36.25. The music must be paid for 8 lessons in advance — $4 — and the amt. now due for music as shown above is $1.50. Please remit on 4th of Jany. $37.00 or sooner than that if convenient. I return herewith your a/c receipted as you requests.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

Dec. 26 3

Mrs. Martha Ferguson
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madame

I am in receipt of a letter of 23 inst from A. D. Smith Cashier National Savings Bank Memphis, enclosing a check for $17.50 to apply on a/c of your daughter Ida. I have given her credit for $11.50 and paid her the balance. Accept thanks for your promptness in sending money. On the 21 inst another four weeks board came due, and she is now owing $2. for music lessons in Dec. Whole amt now due $17. which pays board until Jany 18th and music until last of Dec. At the beginning of new term Jany 5th she will have to pay tuition for the term $2.75 and for music four weeks $4.— I would like to have the $17. immediately, and the $6.75 by the 5th of Jany. We are much in need of money and I trust there will be no delay.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

Dec. 26 3

R. M. Johnson.
207 Broadway N.Y.

Dear Sir.

Your Card rec'd.

I expect to renew my Accident Policy in your Company, and will request Rev. E. M. Cravath of 56 Reade St. to call at your office, get the new Policy and pay for the same.

Yours Respy
Thos. C. Steward

Jany 10 [illegible]

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Yours of 4 inst duly rec'd. It was not clear to me at first just how I could arrange my work so as to be absent a week or more. I have planned however to start for Tougaloo either next Thursday 15 or the following Monday 19. This is some later than the time you proposed, but I trust not too late to accomplish what you have planned. Mr. Claflin has written me in relation to coming, and I will notify him at once of my intention. I hope to find on reaching Tougaloo, full instructions from you.

Yours truly
F. C. Steward

Jany 10 4.

Mr. J. T. Claflin.
Tougaloo Miss.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 27 ult. was duly rec'd. I did not then see how I could possibly find time to go to Tougaloo, but have finally arranged my work and planned to start for your place Thursday 15 or the following Monday 19. I fear this will be a disappointment to you, but trust it will not interfere seriously with your plans and work. If however I will be too late to render you any assistance, please telegraph me on receipt of this letter, and I will not start. In case I hear nothing from you, you may expect me the last of next or the fore part of the following week.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

Jan'y 12 4

Mr. E. P. Ford
Mobile Ala.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith R.R. Receip for one large P.P. Stewart stove and its furniture, shipp by direction of Rev. E. M. Cravath. This Rec't should have been sent when goods were shipped, but it was overlooked. I trust you have been caused no trouble on account of it. If you are charged more than the rate guaranteed, please write me of the fact and I will see that it is refunded

Yours truly
F. C. Stewart

Jany. 14 .4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed, public Hall a/c for December. The small balance reported on hand has been expended this month. On my return from Tougaloo I will have to pay $850. for the new school furniture, about $550. for cut stone work, and about $500. on iron work, besides smaller claims. On receipt of this please send me $2000. on public Hall a/c. Kerry placed the last stone on the basement story just before Christmas but was not ready to measure the work during the holidays, and since that time the weather has not been favorable for it. I may have it done before going to Miss. Kerry did not get the top of the wall level by 3/4 of one inch, because he would not let Mr. Hall assist him. He then proposed to go over it again, but in a way that I felt sure, would not remedy the evil, so I ordered him to suspend work at once. As soon as Mr. Hall is ready to begin work on the building again, I will employ two or three stone cutters who [illegible]

Halls supervision level the walls ready for water table. The joists were put on the south part of the building up to the inner angle, before Hall went home. He returned last week with his family, and has since been employed putting together the new desks. This will be completed early next week and the balance of the time that I am away, Hall will spend in getting his family safely housed for the winter. On my return, we will begin work on Jubilee Hall with as large a force as can work to advantage. The water table is ready to be put on as soon as the joists are all in place. The iron beams are all on the ground, and the columns cut to the proper length ready to go out to the building. I have awarded contract for flooring and other matched finishing lumber to parties in this city, and saved over $300. by waiting until now. Mr. Harrison has half a million brick on hand — some of them already on the ground ready for an early beginning. I expect to take Cincinnati in my return trip from Miss, on Jubilee Hall business. Will there be any lack of money to push the building through the Spring and Summer?

Yours truly

T. G. Stewart

Jany. 14 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.
I enclose herewith Fisk
University Financial Statement for December.
I trust that our indebtedness has reached the
highest figure, and that from this time to the end
of the year we may be able to reduce it.
The changes, improvements &c. of this year have
been very expensive. The family is much larger
than heretofore. No. students registered in boarding
dept. last year up to this time 63 — this year 119.
Whole No. registered last year 78. Some of our boarders
have been unable to pay their bills, owing to the
delay in getting their pay as teachers. Although some
the cotton districts could not pay until cotton
could be sold to advantage. At the close of Dec.
there was due the Institution on this years &c, over
$900. Tuition for this term will amt. to about $550.
and nearly or quite as much for next term. I think
all the dues for this year will be paid before the close
of school. Repairs & improvements will not be a heavy
from this time forward. Yours truly T. C. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Jan'y 13 [illegible]

Mr. Sterling Miller
Reynolds Station Tenn.

Sir,

Your favor of 13 inst. to Mr. Spence, enclosing five dollars, is received. I have paid your daughter one dollar, and placed the balance to her credit. She has been permitted to enter school, but there is not now sufficient to pay her tuition and board as required by our rules. Please send [illegible] dollars more immediately.

Yours Resp'y

T. C. Steward

No. A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Jany. 15 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

It is quite impossible for any one connected with this University to tell what amount of land will be cultivated for *each kind* of vegetables. We have a little more than seven acres that may be cultivated, and we are already trying to arrange for a man living near Jubilee Hall to plant the seeds at the proper time. Vegetables that can be used during our spring term, and others that will keep for winter will be most profitable to us. This is about as definite a statement as can be made.

Yours Truly

P. C. Stevens

Jany 15 [illegible] 4

[illegible] Mr. Mayfield
[illegible] Tenn.
Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of [illegible] dollars by J. F. Montague. It has been appropriated as you directed. Your daughter is [illegible] to the [illegible] for board, tuition [illegible] a farm by [illegible]. This [illegible]. [illegible] pleased for money.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Jany. 15 4

Dear Bro. Pope,

Your favor of 13 inst rec'd. I will have a large amount of carpenter work to do during the spring and summer, and expect at times to employ a large force. After the campaign opens I will write you further in relation to Dea. Smith. I am writing at 11.30 P.M., and expect to leave in about two hours for Tougaloo Miss. to return via Cincinnati. Will probably be absent a week or more. All well with us.

Yours truly,
T. C. Steward

Jany. 18 '71

Mrs. Martha Ferguson
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam.

Yours in receipt of your note & remittance. Check for $15.00 [illegible] [illegible] was duly rec'd, and has been placed to Ida's Credit. Please send money [illegible] a month for Ida's board, tuition, music &c. On my return I expect to be absent a week. On my return I will send you statement of a/c, and Receipt for money paid to date.

Yours Respy

Jany. 15 [illegible]

[illegible] Chattanooga Tenn.
[illegible] Dear Sir

Yours of Dec. 29 [illegible] for your [illegible] duly receiv'd. [illegible] dollars and twenty five cents $19.25 [illegible] for Georges board five weeks from Jany 1 [illegible] his tuition for 2 terms ending March [illegible]. Please remit this amount at once.

Very Respy

Jan 19 4

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th recd- enclosing [illegible] for nine dollars is rec'd. Have given you credit for the same.

Respectfully
T. O. Stewart
per C.

Jan 19th. 4

Rev E. M. Cravath
Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst w check for fifty five dollars was rec'd last [illegible]urday. The donations have been disposed of as you directed. Yours of 16th inst. rec'd today. Mr Steward will look up the matter to which you refer, when he returns from Tougaloo.

Very Truly
L. C. Steward

Jan 21st

Rev. Wm Morford
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 19th inst. rec'd this morning. Enclosed find bill as you requested. Our terms are—board and tuition in advance. The cash that Tennessee has rec'd from us as reported in the bill, she can account to you for I presume.

Very Truly
L. C. Steward
in absence Asst. Treas.

Jany 24. 4

Mr. Jas. F. Claflin.
Tougaloo Miss.

Dear Sir.

I had a pleasant trip to Cincinnati and home; arriving here yesterday morning. Family and teachers all well excepting Mrs Stuckey. I fear she will not recover soon. Enclosed I hand you check for ten dollars to refund what I borrowed. Please accept thanks for the favor. With the new school furniture in our Chapel, that otherwise ugly looking room is made quite pleasant and cheerful. It is now used for study hall at night, and also for prayer meetings. I will write Mr. Cravath this evening of my visit to your place. I trust you will have the largest success in all your work at Tougaloo.

Yours truly

J. C. Steward.

Jany 26 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Your favor of 16 inst in reference to Mortgage on Lot near church in Montgomery - is rec'd. The said Lot was first sold to Parish Phillips, the man who plastered the Church. He afterwards wanted to raise some money, and urged me to buy the Lot. ~~and~~ This I did on my own acct. and just before leaving the City sold it to Alice Pratt. She made one payment - I do not now remember how much - and a deed was made for her as in case of the other lots in same tract of ground. Alice was in the Country teaching when we left and before the papers had been exchanged, so the deed, mortgage &c were left with Col. Rucker until Alice should come in and sign the mortgage. I have the impression that Col. Rucker wrote me after my arrival in Nashville, that he had had the Mortgage recorded and then delivered the same to McPherson. I have never received it, and if sent me it must have been lost on the way. I will write McPherson in relation to it.

Yours truly
J. C. Stewart

Jany 21 ″

Mr. W. E. Whiting
Dear Sir,

Your favor of 21 inst recd. I send herewith the three Fire Insurance Policies as you request.

Yours Truly
F. C. Stewart.

Jany 29 4

Mr. Jas. F. Claflin.
Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. H. E. Willis, Marion Ala, saying that four carpenters of that town — colored men — are ready to go to Tougaloo to work if you want them — two at $2.50 per day each, and two at $2.25 each. I am acquainted with all these men have had them employed at different times, and can recommend them as faithful and honest. Two of them are as good workmen as you will be likely to find in the South, the other two above the average. They are all poor and now that the times are so hard, find much difficulty in getting along. Bro. Willis suggests that it will be necessary to advance them some money to pay travelling expenses. I leave the matter with you and him to arrange — he will aid you in every way possible. A letter just recd from New York brings the sad news that Mr. Cravath's son Willie was drowned while skating on a pond near their home the first of this week. It will be a terrible blow to the family. Yours truly F. C. Steward

Willie Cravath aged 8 years was drowned while skating on a pond near their home at [illegible]. This is the first death in their family, and will be a terrible blow. Cravath is suffering.

Jany 29 4

Dear Bro. Willis,

Yours of 25 just received. The work at Tougaloo University as well as the school is under the charge of Mr. Jas. T. Claflin. I wrote you at his request, as he is not acquainted with carpenters in vicinity of Tougaloo and Jackson, and wished to employ men to do his work, on whom he could depend. I spent a few days at Tougaloo at the joint request of Bros. Cravath and Claflin, advising and consulting with the last named gentleman in relation to changes in buildings now occupied and some additions to be made, involving an expenditure of from five to seven thousand dollars. I will write Mr. Claflin what you have written me, and then the matter is entirely in his hands. I was not authorized to promise anything to the men named in your letter — only find out if they would come and at what rates. This I have done, and if there is an opening, these men will probably have a showing, unless good carpenters can be found in Miss. who will work for smaller wages. Times are very hard there, and men willing to work for [illegible]

I will now ask Mr. Claflin to correspond with you direct in relation to the employment of men. I will probably want on Jubilee Hall for some of the men named and maybe all of them, but it will not be ready before April or May; so ~~the~~ they need not refuse a good offer elsewhere. If Hannibal does not go to Mississippi, and wishes to come here right away I will engage to give him employment a *portion* of the time from now until April—enough at least to pay expenses, and I suppose he does not do that at home. I mention him in this connection, thinking he would be more ready to leave home with such a prospect than the men who have families. If he desires to come, I will send $15.— to help him here, the same to be paid in work. I have heard indirectly that Sam. Davis has made some false statements in regard to his leaving Nashville. As I am the principal person in question, I shall write full particulars to you as soon as there is time; and you can make such use of the letter as you may think best.

We are all quite well, and unite in love to you and yours.

Very truly

Feby 3d 4

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 2 inst with Money Order for $14. just rec'd. A former order for $\$30^{50}$ was rec'd, and both these am'ts are on the credit side of your Sister's a/c. Accept thanks for your promptness.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward.

Feby 2d 4

Mr. Alfred Cannon.
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 2 inst with Money Order for $13.75 – just recd. On the 2d Jany an Order for $10 – was rec'd, and both these amounts have been placed to your son's credit. Accept thanks for your promptness.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

Feby 24 '4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of 14 Jany to Tougaloo was rec'd just before I left on the return trip. We reviewed our plans carefully and found that they agreed in the main with the plan you proposed excepting as to the wing on one side of the front end of Girls dormitory. Such an addition would be a very good thing for certain purposes but it seems to me other improvements are more needed just now. The Matrons rooms should be in the immediate vicinity of the kitchen and laundry. Our plan provides for this by locating her in the second story. On same floor we also gain two or three dormitory rooms, and bath rooms. On the first floor we enlarge the present kitchen, and add a bakery and large store rooms. In basement we have wash, drying, and ironing rooms. To accomplish this, an extension of the main building 32 feet will be required. I am satisfied after carefully considering the matter and conferring with

Mr. Claflin, that more room and better accommodations can be provided in this way, and probably at less expense, than by other plans suggested. This does not however interfere with building the wing on the front as you suggested, but it seems to me the immediate reconstruction of the Kitchen and Laundry is of more importance than anything else connected with that school in the way of changes or repairs. Bro. Claflin and I agree as to what is needed and best to be done on boys Dormitory and the "Mansion." I do not think it will be possible for him to get through with these repairs for $5000. After ascertaining the price of materials and labor Mr. Claflin will be able to make a more careful estimate than could be made while I was there. I like the location of Tougaloo, and trust that under the new administration all its departments will be put on a good basis. I began to write you of this trip soon after my return, but was hurriedly called to some other duty and this was overlooked. Mr. Claflin wrote you of some plans before I left.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

Feby. 11 4

Mrs. Pinkie Edmonson.
Pulaski Tenn.

Madam,

Your daughter Minnie Batts is owing the University at this time $24.00 and I trust you will send this amount at once as we are much in need of money. This will pay her board to the last of the present month, and tuition to the close of the term Mch. 11. She has now taken up music again, and this will be four dollars per month extra. You can send money by Post Office Money Order.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

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Feby 4   4

Mr. Otis Joyce
Glenwood Miss.

Dear Sir,

I have been expecting money from you to pay expenses of your daughter Sallie, but as yet have received nothing. She is now owing the University for board and tuition $70.20 and I trust you will send the whole amount immediately. You certainly ought not to expect us to educate your daughter free, and board her besides. We must have the money.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

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Feby 4 4

Mr. W. P. Dale.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Please give me your lowest prices on lumber and timber of the following lengt the same to be delivered on the cars in this city frgt. paid on

All up to and including 20 ft.
From 20 " " " 25 "
" 25 " " " 30 "
" 30 " " " 35 "
" 35 " " " 40 "

All square corners, and free from wind shakes and other imperfections, and to be cut from whole logs.
Also the price of 1st clear flooring face measure, and first class mill run flooring " "
I pay cash for all building materials.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Stewart.
Supt. Constructi

Feby. 4   4

Mr. H. H. Hubbard.
New York City.

Dear Sir,

I found on taking charge of the books in this office, that Lewis and Bettie James, were charged at the close of last school year with a balance of \$15.00 Lewis says this is a mistake, that he borrowed from you at that time only \$5.00 At his request I write you for an explanation. This is the only case where there has been any question as to the correctness of accts.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

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Mr. J. F. Loomis:
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Bro.

At what price per 1000 can you deliver lumber and timber of the following lengths—on the cars in this city?—

20 ft and under
25 " " down to 20
30 " " " " 25
35 " " " 30
42 " " " 35

Also 1st clear flooring face measure, and best mill run flooring face measure.
If you do not want my Winchester Rifle longer please send it per Ex—carefully wrapped.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

Feby. 5 "

Mrs. Martha Ferguson.
Memphis Tenn.
Madam.

I have just received a check for $14.00 through N. D. Smith Cashier of the National Savings Bank Memphis, with request to place the same to your credit, on expenses of your daughter Ida. Please accept thanks for your promptness.

Yours Resp.y T. C. Steward.

Feby. 5 4

Mr. Jas. F. Claflin.
Tougaloo Miss.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 2 inst just rec'd. I did not in writing of the Marion men, say anything about board, for the reason that we Southerners always understand when a man names his price, that it means he will board himself. A Card from Rev. N. E. Willis (not Wells as you have it) of Marion, says that one of the carpenters - Mr. Curtis Garrett - left on Monday 2 inst for Jackson Miss. where he left his tools before Christmas, and would probably call on you at Tougaloo. The others will wait until Mr. Willis hears from you. You fail to state whether Mr. Cravath has approved our plans. I hope you will have good weather for work, as the additions to your buildings are very much needed.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

Feby 10 74

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed Jubilee Hall a/c for Jany. The parties of whom school furniture was purchased, deducted $40. for expense incurred in putting desks together. All the Iron work delivered to date has been paid for — three columns are yet to pass through the lathe and be cut to the proper length. I have saved nearly $300 on Iron work by going to Cincinnati. Have made a new contract with same firm in Nashville, for balance of cast iron columns &c at "panic prices."

I have bought a good horse, five years old, one that gives satisfaction thus far, and with proper care will do good service for Jubilee Hall and the University. In spite of all my efforts to recruit him, George grew poor and weak, and was in no condition to enter an active spring campaign. He is now having good care, and doing very little more than marketing for the family. One month of this light work has not improved his condition.

On my return from [illegible]. Mr. Foster was in [illegible]

York, and returned only last Friday. The first warm day we have, the stone work will be measured. Terry has selected Arch'd. Smith living in front of Jubilee Hall, to represent him. Mr. Hall has all the iron columns & beams, in and over the school room, in place, and all the joists on front of the building, placed. He is now working on the east wing going towards the north end. Only one carpenter besides himself employed regularly. Last week I put a squad of ten men in charge of Childs, to cutting down the Fort. He is pushing this work rapidly. You write under date of Jan. 30 that I have drawn about $3000 of Jubilee fund. Please send me a statement of the exact amt. drawn. A portion of this amt has been used for other purposes, school furniture, bridge &c. By the way – the County Court at the Jany. session gave me $700. for the Bridge built last summer. Lawrence aided in the matter to the amt. of ~~two days~~ perhaps, and while I was absent he went to the County Judge, had the Warrants issued in denominations of $600. and $100, and on my return he notified me to call at his office and get the larger one and that he had retained $100. for legal services. If a friend of the Institution will do this [illegible] what can be expected from our enemies?

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The [illegible] [illegible] be avoided by discounting from $877.75 the County Treas. informs me that it will be paid as soon as there is money—probably not [illegible] 60 or 90 days hence. What shall I do with it? I have contracted for flooring & some other finishing lumber at $3.25 per M better than the same could have been bought last fall—saving about $200. on this contract. Brick & Cut stone Contracts could not be let to any better advantage today than last fall. We could not expect a respectable job of brick work for anything less than the price named in our present Contract. A little might be saved on Window and door frames &c if the Contract could be made now. I will invite proposals for roofing, plastering &c though I'm inclined to think it will be best to keep the latter under our own control. Haven't you added the grading and beautifying of Jubilee Square, to what was proposed to be done with $40.000, when you were here in Oct? I have the impression that in our conversation at that time we confined ourselves to the building & its furnishing. Fencing, grading, putting out trees and the like cannot be done to "our liking" for less than $3

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The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] walls the
with the old stone taken from the cellar of Jubilee
Hall, laid up with mortar $2.00 per perch, without
mortar $1.25 per perch. By using the old stone
for inside of the walls, and using pitch faced
in basement of building for outside, the propo-
sition is to do it for $2.75 and $3.00 without and
with mortar. None of these prices include coping.
Have you thought more about the stone for the building?
It is a matter that ought to be settled soon.
The balance of $600 reported on hand last of
Jany. is nearly gone, and I would like to have
you send on receipt of this, $1000.

Yours truly,
F. C. Stratton

P.S. The amt reported under item "Horse & Carriage"
includes harness &c that was necessary so that
the old horse could be used for the family.

M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Feby 10 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Financial Statement Fisk University for January. More tuition was recd than I anticipated. About $20.= due on this a/c from boarders who are behind in payment of bills. On Boarding a/c there is now due $767.10. I have thought until quite recently that our debt might be greatly reduced before the end of the school year, but I have abandoned this hope. Although we are living far beyond our income, I do not see how the remedy is to be applied under the present condition of things. Do not infer from this that I think there is no remedy, but you are so familiar with all the circumstances I need not enter into details.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Feby. 17   4

Mr. Wm. Morford.
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 27 Jany is received. I was away from home one week, and my correspondence got behind some in consequence. I do not see how we can wait on you until the last of March for the amount due on your daughter acct. On the first of this month she was owing us about $30. Do you realize that we are not only permitting Tennessee to remain in school without paying tuition, but are boarding her for nothing? To do this I have been obliged to borrow money, and the Institution has been put to great inconvenience, and still you ask us to increase our debt by waiting on you until the last of March. Please do us the kindness to send at once at least $10.00 and then at least $5.00 a week until the whole amount is paid. You can certainly afford to make a little sacrifice if need be, in order that the University be sustained.

Yours truly
T. C. [illegible]

Feby. 17 4

Mrs. Tempie Emmonson.
Pulaski Tenn.
Madam.

Your letter of 7 inst. enclosing Money order for $10.- is received, and $9.00 of the amt. has been placed to the credit of your daughter Minnie. I trust you will send the balance at once, as the University is carrying a heavy debt, and is much in need of money. You will find it much easier to pay what is now due, and then meet your expenses promptly every month. Your last letter was addressed to Prof. Spence, and the order made payable to him, although the letter was written to me. Please send all business letters to me.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

Feby. 17 4

Mr. H. W. Hubbard.
New York
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 9 inst rec'd. The amt. for which you enclosed Money Order — ten dollars — has been placed to the credit of Lewis and Bettie James, and they notified of the fact.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

[illegible] 17th [illegible]

[illegible] Gen'l
[illegible] Tenn

Dear Friend

Yours of 12th inst. [illegible]

[illegible] as you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] yours truly

[illegible]
per C.S.

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Mr Lindsey A. Roberts
Como. Miss.

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th inst. containing three dollars rec'd. Mr Bennett will write you what Mr Cravath said in regard to the twenty five dollars and other matters.

Very Truly
Thos. C. Steward
per. L. C. S.

Feb 17th 4

Mr. G. M. Fizer.
Springfield. Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th inst. with check for ten dollars and one of same date with two dollars in money were rec'd. Prof. Chase went with Toby and bought him an overcoat as you desired. On the 1st of present month ten dollars for board became due. Please forward check for the same immediately and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward

Feby. 17 4

Mess. H. Allen & Co.
Memphis Tenn.

Gentlemen.

I am informed that Mr. Otis Joyce of Glenora Bolivar Co Miss has sent a bale of cotton to you, with instructions to sell, and remit the proceeds of the same to me, to pay expenses of his daughter who is attending our school. Will you have the kindness to inform me whether the cotton has been received, and if so how long before you will be able to dispose of it so that the money can be applied as Mr. Joyce desires? His daughter is owing a considerable amt. for board, tuition, and we are much in need of the money.

Mr. G. E. Ausley, also of Glenora, had some boxes shipped by boat from his place, directed to himself at Fisk University in your care, to be sent from Memphis by Express. Pray have the kindness to see if these goods are in warehouse on the wharf, and if so send them on to Nashville.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward.

Dear Sir White.

After [illegible]

[illegible]

surface of the ground when the [illegible] is completed,
and at [illegible] one half the height of the basement story
across the south front and around the east end of
the building. By this arrangement [illegible]
one end of the wash room — the servants' rooms,
bakery, pantry, kitchen and all the rooms to be
occupied by employees in the building, will be
entirely above the ground, and [illegible]

July. 19 4

Mr. L. A. Roberts
Como Miss.

Dear Sir.

I enclose you herewith as directed by Mr. Cravath, your acct. with the University for board.

Nine weeks and four days @ 2 50 per week	$23.90
Extra 10 weeks for not paying in advance .25¢	2.50
	$26.40

I trust you will send this amount at once, for we are very much in need of money. It may be sent by Express.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Stewart

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Feby. 20 4

Dear Bro. White,

After his visit to Nashville in Oct. last, I suppose Bro. Cravath wrote you fully about Jubilee Hall, how far the work had progressed, and that it would be necessary to suspend operations — or nearly so — for the winter. At no time has the work entirely stopped excepting during "Christmas week," and then only to allow Mr. Hall who is in charge of the Carpenter work — to go to Marion Alabama and move his family to Nashville. The basement story stone work was finished, all except leveling for the water table — just before Christmas. We have now two stories of stone work, so that the outside walls average nearly 20 ft. high all around. All of the first, or Cellar Story, will be below the surface of the ground when the grading is completed, and about one half the height of the basement story across the South front and around the west end of the building. By this arrangement the Laundry — except one end of the wash room — the store rooms, sewing room, bakery, pantry, kitchen, and all the rooms to be occupied by employees in the building, will be entirely above the ground, and well lighted.

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A large [illegible] [illegible] basement, or first story of the building, designed for school room, will be near a full story above the surface on the east side — the windows are full length — and about half a story to south. It is hardly suitable for a school room on this account, and it is to be hoped it will have be used for that but a short time if at all. The boiler room and coal cellar are located in the part of the building where the grade rises highest on the outside. The outside of the basement wall — of that portion of it that will be above the surface of the ground — is pitched face stone work. There are fourteen courses 10½ inches thick. The window and door heads are arched, the same as those in the upper stories. There are six heavy iron columns in the school room carrying two iron beams each over 40 feet long, and these are to support the hall partition walls through the next four stories, and the roof and tower above. This iron work is in place, and the timbers for the first or main floor are all set, excepting over a small space on the north end of the building. The wrought iron beams arrived today from Pittsburgh, that are to span over the kitchen 40 feet in length, to support partitions above. We will finish putting on the floor timbers next week. The water table is nearly all cut, and will be hauled from the [illegible] yard to [illegible]

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Hall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
will [illegible] the brick and water than been getting
materials on the ground for three weeks past, and
think there will be no [illegible] from [illegible] of the
walls are begun by the [illegible] of March. The
foundations and doors prepared along up on the
ground, and part of them placed upon the wall [illegible]
this kind of work in [illegible] cheaper. I have just
awarded the contract for balance of the timber
required, and at [illegible] better terms than the
season. Have contracted for flooring at $32 per M.
less than the same quality cost last year. This
is to be the best of yellow pine. All the joists,
studding, rafters &c. of same timber. I do not
propose to use a piece of poplar in the building.
I have been careful thus far to use only good
materials, and to have the work well done. The
[illegible] and [illegible] will have been more expensive
than was anticipated for a [illegible] that you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] public Hall might
be furnished [illegible] I think [illegible] just
approved of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
increasing the depth to [illegible] good foundations, we
have six large cellar rooms, and cistern with an
aggregate capacity of over [illegible] [illegible], provided it is
[illegible] to have [illegible] in that [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

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The well, drilled through [illegible] [illegible] surface [illegible] [illegible], will afford some water of very good quality and [illegible] [illegible] sup-ply will probably have to come from the City Reservoir. An appropriation has been made by the City Council to bring a four inch water pipe to the Vanderbilt, Hence if a 1000 feet of it reach the Corporation line I feel quite sure they will do the same by us some time within the next year. Distance from Corporation line to Jubilee Hall is 361 feet. The [illegible] bridge that is built last summer is [illegible] with Jubilee money, so as to open a street direct to the front of Jubilee Hall has been paid partly [illegible] the County in warrants (at 70c.) that will bring about this expending [illegible] making, filling &c. near the bridge that cost $190 has not been paid, but I think it best you see what an [illegible] advantage to Jubilee Hall [illegible] the new [illegible] this street [illegible], you will agree with me that we had better pay [illegible] than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shall present a petition to the County Court [illegible] [illegible] to have this street made a County road, and [illegible] by having an agreed [illegible] appropriations [illegible] [illegible] the road put in good condition [illegible] for [illegible] The N.W. R.R. [illegible] [illegible] already [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Commit[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The street R.R. project on Jefferson St. has been postponed for a time, but there is little doubt the road will be built within the next year. The Company proposed to do it this winter if Jubilee Hall would take $1000. of stock. I recommended to Bro. Cravath that this be done, and received from him authority to subscribe this amount on condition that the road be immediately built. This will be a great convenience to us when located in Jubilee Hall. You can then take a car at the north gate, and ride to the Court House for 6¼ cents — students for 5¢. This week I had a survey made for running the main sewer from Jubilee Hall. By following Robertson St, we can find an outlet in 1900 feet. As other buildings are erected from time to time branch pipes can be run to connect with this main at a small cost, as all future buildings will front on this St. On the 2d inst I began cutting down the Gillem, and in four weeks more there will be nothing of the ditches and embankments to be seen. Expect to lay 280 ft. of sewer pipe right away, so that the grading of Jubilee Square can [illegible]. As you are to be here in May I will do nothing [illegible] fence until you arrive. Bro. Cravath and I [illegible] judgement as to the kind of a fence to [illegible]

In a recent letter to Mr. Spence you asked for the number of rooms in Jubilee Hall. He wishes me to answer you. I suppose you refer only to sleeping apartments. On the second floor there are 29, and on each the third and fourth floors are 28 - total 85. Three of these on the 2nd floor I design to fit up as you requested for guests rooms, and there will then be 82. I have made some inquiries about furniture, and think the students rooms may be furnished for $50. A room for girls would cost more - say $56. and one for boys about $43. The difference would be the cost of Bureau for girls. I trust you may succeed in raising a sufficient sum of money to furnish all the rooms in Jubilee Hall. You speak of settling with the singers, and disbanding the troupe. Don't you expect to travel any more with these or other singers? We shall all be glad to see you, and wish that Mrs. White could come this way. We are sorry that Bro. Pike is in poor health. Please let me hear from you soon. Mrs Steward joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. White & yourself, Mr. & Mrs. Pike, and all the singers.

Most Truly Yours,
T. C. Steward.

P.S.
I have received Papers from you from time to time, for which you will please accept thanks.
T. C. S.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. ___ FISK UNIV.

Feby. 21 4

Mr. S. D. Hatch
119 Broadway New York

Dear Sir.

Did you intend to have a tran light over the main front door in Jubilee Hall? The wood work contractors — Mess. Goss & Phillips of Chicago. so understood your drawings, and have made this frame with transom bar. All the other outside door frames in same story are made in same way. But it is not too late to change if wrong.

Is the ceiling of open porch at front entrance, to be of stone or wood? Will there be a stone arch over the front door? Your drawings are not clear on these points. How can I prevent dampness in the basement rooms where there are cisterns in the story below? How can the floor timbers over the cisterns be protected so as to prevent decay. Please send me a detail drawing of the frame work for a section of the roof on main building, and also a sectional drawing of roof at the intersection of one of the main gables. I need these right away to enable me to make out bills for roof timbers. How high are the outside walls to be above the third story ceiling? Prompt reply will oblige Yours truly T. K. Steward

Feby. 24 4

Dear Bro. Wesley;
Yours of 18 inst., with invoice of two cars lumber shipped that day, was rec'd on Friday last, & Saturday noon the lumber arrived. The entire afternoon was so rainy that I did nothing about it. Yesterday paid freight 78^{70} and ordered the cars sent to our side track. Later in the day the agent sent for me to say that he had just rec'd a dispatch from Chatta. to the effect that freight was paid on A. & C. R.R. in advance. The agent refunded 48^{50}, and I hold his receipt for 30^{20}, rate from Chatta. to Nashville. I expect to get the lumber up to the building today, and will then examine it closely and write you further. Yours of 21 inst. with invoice of third car, came last evening. You are mistaken as to prices named while you were here. I have before me the paper in which we figured while sitting at my desk in office. I copy:—

All to, and including 17 ft.	17^{50}
18 to 24 ft. both inclusive	18^{27}
25 " 30 " " "	20.–

Yours truly
T. C. Stewart.

ARCHIVES NO.

July. 24. x

Mr. G. M. Fizer.
Springfield Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 22 inst enclosing check for $10.00 - is at hand. This amt. has been placed to the credit of Wm T. Fizer, on a/c of board &c. Accept thanks for your promptness. When I left you in my office the day you were here, I expected to return in a short time but was hindered. You will please accept this as the reason for my unexplained absence. I shall be glad to see you whenever you are in the City.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Stewart

Feby. 28 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Cost of my trip to Tougaloo Miss. and back, \$61$^{\underline{10}}$ This amt. was paid from money on hand at the time. Please send check for same, as we are now in need of it.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

Mch. 2 4

Mr. Wm. Morford
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 28 ult, with check for five dollars, is at hand. Accept thanks. Other like favors will be duly appreciated.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

Mch. 3 4

Dear Bro. Whaley.

One of the cars of lumber first shipped by you was delayed at some point, and the last car came in ahead of it. There has been considerable rainy weather since the arrival of the lumber, so I have not had an opportunity to finish piling and examining it until yesterday. Of the 1 × 12 × 16 there is one piece short of your count – of the 2 × 6 × 12 four pcs. short – and in 2 × 12 × 17 one pc. over. Of the 1 × 12 × 16 24 pieces are shaky, some of them so much so that they are of little use to me. Of the 2 × 6 × 12 – 14 pcs have bark corners so that some of them cannot be used for studs. Of the remainder of this class, 44 pcs. are full of wind shakes – some of them will barely hold together – so that I can use but little, and that only for bridging. Of the joists, 15 have bark edges, but may be used in short sections for trimmers &c 29 are split – and shaky – 10 of them so badly that I cannot use them at all. I have attended to the piling and assorting personally, and counted every piece myself. With the exceptions above named, you have sent me a good lot of lumber. As this was a specimen lot, I have decided to remit the whole amount of money, according to your bills, and leave it with you to make such reductions K returns as you see fit. I will say in this connection however, that the party to whom this contract is awarded must assort the lumber sent here, closely, for I shall reject every piece that has windshakes, and has not square corners. I have stated this distinctly to all who have submitted proposals for furnishing it. I expect to take the run of the tree, provided it does not r[illegible] too far into the limbs, but cannot pay for that which will be of no use. The construction of the building, as well as the selection of materials to be used [illegible] determine, has been left wholly and entirely to my judgment, and I am determined to make as few mistakes as possible. The matter is now with you — Can you furnish such lumber as I have specified? When I know what reduction you will make — if any — on that already sent, I will send you a blank receipt to sign. The question of furnishing lumber must be settled this week. I await your reply.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

Z. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. ____
FREE UNIV.

Statement of the a/c of Maggie Carnes

Board from Oct. 17 to Feby. 28	47 50	
Tuition for 1st Term 4 50 – 2d Term 2 75	7 25	
Music to date – Mch. 3	9	
Cash drawn at different times	13 10	
Stationery purchased	30	77 15

Cr.

By Cash paid Oct. 17	56
Balance due	21 15

NATIONAL ARCHIVES
NO.

Statement of the a/c of Mary Carnes.

Board from Oct. 17 to July 28	48 25	
Tuition 1st Term 3.50 – 2d Term 2.25	5 75	
Cash drawn at different times	2	
Stationery purchased	50	56 50

Cr.

By Cash		50
Balance due		6 50

NO. A.M.A. ARCHIVES UNIV.

Mch. 5 4

Mrs. Tempy Edmonson.
Pulaski Tenn.
Madam.

I am in receipt of your favor of 3^{d} inst enclosing Money Order for $\$13^{50}$ and have used the money as you requested. I trust you will make up the balance right away, and then pay one month in advance, as it will be much easier for you to do this, and save the Institution much embarrassment. To pay in advance, it will cost you but $\$2^{50}$ per week, but otherwise it will be $\$2^{75}$ per week. On the 16th inst the third and last Term of the year opens, and your daughter will then be expected to pay tuition in advance for the whole term—$\$2^{25}$. Before the close of March, I earnestly hope your bills for Minnie's board and expenses, will be fully met.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

G. A. M. A. ARCHIVES

Mch. 5 4

Wm. H. Lewis.
Memphis Tenn.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favr of 2d inst, enclosing Money Order for $4.00 and have credited your sister Lulu with $3.50 balance due for music to Mch. 11, and paid her 50c cash. The 6th term of our school opens on 16 inst, and I trust you will be able to make advance payment for board &c on your sisters a/c.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

ARCHIVES

Mch. 6 4

Mr L. A. Roberts
Como Miss.

Dear Sir.

Your letters of 20 and 27 inst. are recd. Your acct. with the University stands thus:—
For 9 weeks and 4 days board from Oct. 27 to Jany. 2
at $2.75 per week $26.40

If payment is made in advance, only 2.50 per week is charged, otherwise $2.75. This does not seem hard to understand. I have not charged you for an extra week as you appear to think — Only for the time you were in the Boarding department. I trust you will be able to remit the amount due, without delay. I will tell the young men who are here about the books. Blair Hunt was sent home the 5th of Jany.

Yours Respy.

T. C. Stewart.

A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Mch. 5 — L

Mrs. Martha Ferguson.
Memphis Tenn.

Madam.

I am in receipt of check for $14.00 through N. A. Smith Cashier National Savings Bank of your City. This amt. has been placed to the credit of your daughter Ida on a/c of Board &c in the University. Accept thanks.

Yours Respy.
T. S. Steward.

Mch. 6 4

Miss Sarah L. Grant.
Cedar Hill Conn.

Your favor of 7th ult. duly rec'd. Your sister paid five dollars on entering school, and I have placed to her credit five dollars due you. Have received nothing from you yet. I trust you will forward money for your sister's board and tuition, at once. On the 16th inst. the third term opens, and she will then be expected to pay tuition for the balance of the year, in advance. She is already behind on payment for board.

Yours Respy.
T. G. Steward.

Mch. 6 4

Mr. Sherman Robinson.
Williamsport Penn.

Sir.

Your letter to Prof. Spence has been handed me. The amount due you $2.00 is held subject to your order.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

Mch. 7   4

Mr. Lewis Jaikins.
Port Anderson Miſs.

Dear Sir:

Your son Lewis has told me several times that you had sent money, or were about ready to do so, to pay expenses of board tuition &c. of himself and Bettie. And yet the money does not come. We are boarding our students at a very low price, and cannot afford to wait for our pay several weeks or months after it comes due. You certainly should not expect us to do it. It will be much easier for you to pay up all that is now due — about $60 — and then pay promptly once a month. We must have the money, and I trust you will forward it without delay.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Mch. 7 4

Mrs. Minerva Carroll.
Chattanooga Tenn.

Madam.

Your daughter Lulu was in our school and boarding department several months without paying a dollar of her expenses. During that time I had many promises from you through her that payment would be made. At last I furnished her money to pay travelling expenses home, with a promise from you by telegraph that it would be refunded the following Monday. Two weeks have passed and nothing has been heard from you. Her indebtedness to the University ~~and~~ for board, tuition and borrowed money, amounts to $45 25 and I trust your good judgement and sense of honor will prompt you to send the whole of it at once.

Yours Respty.
T. C. Steward

Mch. 9 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Fisk University Financial Statement for month of February. Your favor of 8 inst enclosing check for $61.00 on travelling expenses, is received.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
H3724
FISK UNIV.

Mch. 11 4

Mr. E. B. Gilbert.
McMinnville Tenn.

Sir.

Your Postal Card to Mr. Bennett, giving the price of black walnut lumber has been handed me. Can you furnish the best quality of lumber, free from knots and windshakes, and other imperfections for the price named in your Card? Please give me the cost of freight per Car load from your place to Nashville. What length of time has your lumber been sawed, or is it green? An early reply will oblige.

Yours Respy,
T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Mch. 11 4

Dear Bro. Healy,

Yours of 8-inst is rec'd. As you propose to furnish the lumber on the conditions, and in strict compliance with the specifications I have laid down, of course that settles the matter. Mr. Hall and I will make up a bill this week, and others next week, and so on so that you will have bills including the greater part of what I will need, by the last of the month. I am just in receipt of the roof plans from my Architect, and it will take us a few days to work out what is needed for that.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

P.S.

I have examined the roof plans but little, but think there will not be much timber over 30 ft long.

T. C. S.

Mch. 14 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Jubilee Hall Financial Statement for Feby. Please send on same Ja $1000.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

Mch. 14 4

Wm. H. Lewis.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 9 inst is rec'd. We charge no more for music than last term — 50c for each lesson. Your sister has taken 14 lessons for which I have charged her $7.00 She paid $4.00 on 4th Feby. and $3.00 on 4th Mch. This is not difficult to understand.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

Mch. 17 4

Dear Bro. Wesley: Please ship me as soon as possible the following:—

80	Pcs.	2	x	8	x	14
120	"	2½	x	6	x	14
270	"	3	x	8	x	14
24	"	3	x	12½	x	14
20	"	3	x	12½	x	16
145	"	3	x	12½	x	17
60	"	3	x	12½	x	22
20	"	5	x	12½	x	22
10	"	3	x	12½	x	24
60	"	3	x	12½	x	35
12	"	3	x	12½	x	48
50	"	3	x	12½	x	20
20	"	5	x	12½	x	20
4	"	6	x	12½	x	20

I could not get this off any earlier. The above bill includes joists for 2d floor, and partition studding for 1st floor. I hope you will be able to ship some of it at least, this week, and the balance early next week. Other bills will follow.

Yours truly

T. R. [illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Mar. 18th 4

Miss Lula Carroll
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Friend

Yours of 9th inst. also one from your mother of the 11th inst. are both rec'd. The nine dollars sent by your mother has been placed to your acct. We trust that you will send the remaining amount as soon as possible. Glad to hear that you are in school and doing so well.

Very Truly
T. C. Steward.
per L. C. S.

Mar 18th 4

Mr W. M. Morford
Chattanooga. Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst with money order for five dollars is rec'd. Trust you will send the remaining amt due as soon as you can. We appreciate the effort you are making.

Very Truly
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

Mch. 19 4

Mess. Mallory, Wheeler & Co.
New Haven Conn.

Gents.

Please send me your illustrated catalogue, and price list, of all kinds of locks that you manufacture. I shall use several hundred locks of different kinds in the University building — "Jubilee Hall" — that I am constructing.

Yours Resp.

T. C. Steward

Supt. Construction

Mch. 19 4

Mr. Turner Hunt
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir.

You are still owing the University — a balance of $\$1^{\underline{20}}$ on board of your son Blair while here in school. This is but a small amt but we very much need every cent due us, and I trust you will pay promptly.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward.

March 19 4

Mrs. Fannie Fowlkes.
Memphis Tenn.

Madam.

You are still owing the University $6.80 balance on board, tuition &c of your daughter while in school. We are much in need of money and you will not only do us a kindness, but yourself credit by sending this amount promptly. It is a just debt, and I trust you will pay it at once.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward

Mch. 20 11

Dear Bro. Wesley.
Please send me on the first Car of lumber you ship after the receipt of this order –

1 pc. 10 x 14½ x 15-ft

all heart.

I want this for a special use, and as it is to splice with seasoned timber, it must be of heart stuff to avoid shrinkage.

Yours truly

T. G. Steward

Mch. 28 '4

Mr. James T. Carnes.
Memphis Tenn.

Sir.

I hope you will forward money at once to pay balance now due this Institution for board, and tuition of your daughters Maggie and Mary. Their indebtedness already amounts to over $50. It certainly cannot be expected that we will keep up the school and boarding department, unless our patrons pay their bills promptly. We must have the money — please send without delay.

Yours Respectfully

T. C. Stewart

Mch. 20 '4

Mrs. Dempsie Edmonson.
Pulaski Tenn.

Madam:

Can you not send $20. at once to apply on expenses of your daughter Mamie for board and tuition? Our patrons can well afford to make an earnest effort, and some sacrifice if need be, to pay their bills promptly, rather than have our School fail for want of means. Suppose you try to send six or eight dollars per week until the debt is paid, and then you will find it quite an easy matter to keep up if you plan to pay as our rules require - in advance.

Yours Respectfully
T. G. Steward

A. M. & N. ARCHIVES
NO.

Mch. 28 4

Mrs. Louisa McGuire.
Columbia Ark.

Madam: You should send $10 at once to keep up expenses of your daughter Tillie for board, and tuition. Our rules require payment in advance, and I must insist upon a strict compliance therewith.

Yours Respectfully
T. C. Stewart

Mch. 30 4

Wm Page Ayler.
Memphis Tenn.

Sir,

Your sons John B.H. and William, are getting far behind in payment of board and tuition, and I trust you will forward money for them at once. Forty dollars will be required to pay for them both to date. Our patrons must pay their bills promptly in order that we may meet all obligations to our students and others.

Yours Respy.

T. C. Steward

FISK UNIV. ARCHIVES

Mch. 30 4

Mch: 33

Mr. Henry Drake
Franklin Tenn.

Sir.

Please send $20 at once to pay balance on board of your son Henry while in this school. I am informed that you have not written me in relation to his expenses before this time. I expect you to pay this bill promptly as we must have the money.

Yours Respy.
J. C. [illegible]

Mch. 23

Mr. G. M. Tizer.
Springfield Tenn.

Dear Sir;

The exact amt. of money required to pay expenses of board, tuition &c for Toby, until May 28, the close of the present school year, is $35.00. I shall regard it as a favor if you will send the whole amount at once. If it is not convenient for you to do so, please send at least one half this sum now, and the balance on or before the 20th of April. Toby is doing well.

Yours Respy.

T. C. Maward.

ARCHIVES

Mch. 20 4

Mrs. James Cook.
Columbia Tenn.

Madam.

Will you have the kindness [illegible] at once to apply on expenses of your [illegible] at [illegible] for board tuition &c. Our rules require payment in advance, and our patrons are expected to meet their obligations promptly. Please forward by Bank Check or Post Office order.

Yours Respectfully
J. S. Stewart

Mch. 20

Mr. Lewis Redman.
Clarksville Tenn.

Sir: Your son, George Redman is in need of money to pay expenses in the Institution and I hope you will forward [illegible] at once. You will find it much easier to pay in advance as our rules require [illegible] not to delay.

Yours Respectfully

Mch. 20 4

Mrs. Celia Burrus.
Brownsville Tenn.

Madam.

Please send $10.00 at once to apply on expenses of your Niece Mary E. Burton - for board, tuition, music &c. We are very much in need of money, and trust all our patrons will meet their bills promptly. I shall expect to receive the amount named above, before the end of the present month.

Yours Respectfully
T. C. Steward

P.S. Mr. Counter has heretofore sent money to Prof Spence. You will confer a favor by sending money, and addressing business letters to the Asst. Treasurer. T. C. S.

Z. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
No.
TUSK. UNIV.

Mch. 20 4

Mr. Jeff. Brown.
Denmark Tenn.

Sir.

Please send immediately $10.00 to pay board of your daughter Alice. Our rules require payment in advance, and I trust you will send the money promptly, by Express or Post Office Money

Yours Respy. T. C. Steward.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

March 25th 4

Mr C. W. Fizer
Springfield Tenn.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst; with check for $35.45 is recd
Accept thanks for your promptness.

Very Respectfully.
Thos. C. Steward
per L.C.S.

March 25th 4

Mr Henry Drake
Franklin Tenn.

Dear Sir Yours of 23d inst. with $2.50 enclosed is rec'd. Your sons a/c is all square now. Truly Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

April 2

[illegible]

named by [illegible] dollars

to his credit. [illegible] Tyler has received

Peabody money this year. He left there

a week ago to teach in Miss. Please send

thanks for the contribution.

Yours truly,

E. C. [illegible]

ARCHIVES

Mch. 30 th

Dear Bro. Wesley:

I enclose herewith a Receipt for your signature, for $\$278^{60}$ the cost of the lumber already sent. The $14 sent you at the same time will apply on next shipment and be included in receipt ~~of~~ for that lot. Please return this at once — receipt I mean. I am now looking for the lumber ordered two weeks ago, and will be glad to have it as soon as possible.

Yours truly

T. C. Stewart.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

April 2   4

H. H. Hubbard
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 9 ult with check for $10 are duly rec'd. Alexander and Tyler are indebted to the Institution about the same amount. As Alexander was first named by you, I placed the ten dollars to his credit. J. H. Tyler has received Peabody money this year. He left about a week ago to teach in Miss. Please accept thanks for the contribution.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

April 2

Wm. H. Lewis.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Money Order for $32.25 enclosed in letter of Mch. 18 duly rec'd. I send herewith a statement of your Tuition acct. to 31 Mch. Accept thanks for your prompt payment of bills.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

Miss Lulu Lewis in a/c with Fisk University — Dr.

To Board Sep. 18 to Mch 21	69 70
Tuition 3 Terms 3^{50} 2^{25} 2^{25}	8
Music 29 lessons to Mch 21	14 50
Books, Cash &c to date	5 30
	97 50

Cr.

Sep.	18	By Cash	42
Nov.	7	"	4
Dec.	3	"	4
	26	"	1 20
Jany.	5	"	20 55
Feb.	4	"	4
Mch.	4	"	3 50
	19	"	3 7 20
			12 1 50

Nashville Tenn.
Mch. 21. 1874

No. A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

April 4 4

Mrs. Amy Hadley.
Nashville Tenn.
Madam.

The amount due for Carrie's board, tuition &c in this school is $15.00 and you will confer a favor by paying the whole of it right away. I expected the money last week, and was disappointed in not receiving it.

Yours Respy T. C. Stewart

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

April 9 4

Dear Bro. White:

Your letter of 9 ult is rec'd. You have our warmest sympathy in the great affliction that has come upon you in the loss of your wife. We will remember you and ~~the~~ your little motherless ones in our prayers to Him whose ways, though past finding out, are always right. We sincerely trust you will take time for the rest you so much need, and that you may all be spared to return to the [illegible]ty. You will find enclosed a statement showing my transactions for the Singers. Unless Bro. Cravath makes some other arrangement, I will plan to meet you on your arrival in New York City. Bro's. Cravath & Whipple were present when the brick work was commenced on 23 Ult. There has been so much rainy weather since that time, only about one half the first story has been built. The work of cutting away the old fort was completed about the 20th of Mch, and the building and grounds show to much better advantage than before.

It was decided while Mess. [illegible] were here, to put a good, substantial, stone wall around Jubilee square. After thinking more about it, I am of the opinion this will be best. The cost of such a fence will fall little short of $2500.

The old horse you left with Fisk University was badly foundered some time before I came, and also had the heaves. A few weeks after I came, he had the Epizootic, and from that time he never did well. He grew poor and weak, finally got down, and about the first of March I shot him to end his misery. I had previously purchased another horse which I think you will like. He is large and strong, well built, and is breaking in very fast. He is only five years old, and with proper management will make just such a horse as will be needed in the University after we get to Jubilee Hall. Cost $275 and I have since been offered $350 for him.

Please write me again before you sail for America, and if I do not meet you in New York, let me hear from you there, and know just when you are coming to Nashville. Mrs. Steward joins me in love to you.

Most truly Yours
F. C. Steward

Amts. drawn from Freedmans Bank Nashville Tenn. on a/c of the Jubilee Singers, and deposited with M.E. Whiting Asst. Treas. Am. Miss. Asso. New York.

I. P. Dickerson	279.08	
Ella Sheppard	207.08	
Minnie Tate	39.71	
Maggie Porter	213.42	
Jennie Jackson	252.75	992.04

Amts. drawn from Mr. M.E. Whiting

Ella Sheppard	445 —	
Maggie Porter	263.75 —	
Minnie Tate	39.70	748.45 —

Recd. for rent of Lots

Ella Sheppard	10	
Maggie Porter	5 —	
Minnie Tate	5 —	20
		768.45

Paid for Lots

Ella Sheppard $450 expenses 25.70	475.70	
Maggie Porter $200 " 34.80	234.80	
Minnie Tate $44.70 (Col. pd. by Whiting)	44.70	755.20
Balance — Sheppard 8.75 Porter 4.50		13.25 —

Recd. Mrs. Porter for Maggie Tkt.	4.25 —
Drew from Mr. Whiting for Mrs. Porter	30.75
	35 —

Amts. drawn from Tennessee Bank Nashville Tenn. on a/c of the Jubilee Singers, and deposited with W. E. Whiting Asst. Treas. Am. Miss. Assn. New York.

I. P. Dickerson	279 60	
Ella Sheppard	207 00	
Minnie Tate	39 71	
Maggie Porter	213 42	
Jennie Jackson	252 75	992 50

Amts. drawn from Mr. W. E. Whiting

Ella Sheppard	455	
Maggie Porter	253 75	
Minnie Tate	39 70	748 45

Rec'd for rent of lots

Ella Sheppard	10	
Maggie Porter	5	
Minnie Tate	5	20
		768 45

Paid for lots

Ella Sheppard $450.00 expenses 6.30	456 30	
Maggie Porter $250.00 " 4.30	254 30	
Minnie Tate $44.70 (Bal. pd. by Minist)	44 70	755 30
		13 15

Balance — Sheppard 8.70 Porter 4.45

Paid Mrs. Porter for Maggie the bal.	4 45
Rec'd from Mr. Whiting for Mrs. Porter	30 55
	35

April 9 4

Dear Bro. Wesley;

I am in receipt of Invoices for five Cars lumber shipped on my bill of Mch. 17 — dated Mch 27–31 April 2-6-7. The first three Cars and have arrived, and two of these were unloaded to day, although it has rained almost constantly. The lumber looks well, and as soon as I can have it piled, I will report upon it in detail. The brick work was commenced on 20 Mch, and I hope to have the first story completed this month. I am working up other bills to send you soon.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

April 10 4

Mr. Levi Coffin.
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Bro.

Will you have the kindness to call at the R.R. office, and enquire the price of a first class ticket from Cincinnati to each of the following points— New York City, Boston and Springfield Mass. and Portland Me. It has been stated here that there has been a reduction in passenger fares from Cin. East, via the Penn. Cent. and the Baltimore & Ohio Roads, and as some of our teachers will probably go east during the summer it may be good economy to purchase tickets in advance! Please ask also if tickets are good until used.

Most Truly Yours
T. C. Stewart

April 10 4

Mr. S. D. Hatch.
119 Broadway N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Your drawings for Jubilee Hall, show that the Head of Lincoln in stone is to be placed over the front entrance. Can you recommend some one who will do this part of the work neatly and prompt? Please confer with Mr. Cravath at 56 Reade St. in relation to it, and write me what decision is reached. I will want this piece of work by the 15th of May.

Yours Respy.

T. C. Steward

April 11, 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed, Fisk University Financial Statement for Mch. I send also a statement for Feby. which you will please put on file, and return me the Feby. statement sent one month ago. In the one first sent I reported "Bills Payable 380^{78}". That amount of family expenses had not been paid at the time the report was made. I have thought best to have my reports to you show only cash transactions — at least until the close of the year — and for that reason would like the exchange. I have since paid the amt. 380^{78}, and have also paid all bills for Mch. You will see by the Mch. statement that our debt is being slowly cut down. If we succeed in keeping expenses below the regular income, and in collecting the amounts now owed the University on board & tuition, our financial condition at the close of the year will be much better than was anticipated.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

April 10 4

Mr. Saml. Cox.
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir,

Your brother William tells me you will send money to pay his expenses in this school. He is owing up to the first of April $62.35 and the amount necessary to pay his board, tuition &c for the balance of the school year — to May 28th — is $21.85. Can you not send the whole amount $84.20 right away, and thus enable me to pay the expenses of the boarding department. You should not expect this Institution to board and educate your brother for nothing. The money is greatly needed, and we must have it. The best way for you to send it, is to instruct your Commission merchant in New Orleans or Memphis to remit by Bank draft, payable to my order.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward

April 10 4

Mrs. Rosetta Reed.
St. Louis Mo.

Madam:

Please send $3[illegible] at once to pay board and expenses of your daughter Nellie until the close of the present school year — May 25th. The money already paid by you — $30 — has been taken up in board, tuition, books &c. I trust you will forward the amount named without delay by draft or money order payable to [illegible]

Yours Truly

April 10 [illegible]

Mr. Lewis James.
[illegible] Miss.

Dear [illegible]

On the 7th of March I [illegible] communication to the [illegible] in this institution and at the same time [illegible] of their indebtedness. [illegible] made in settling [illegible] letter and [illegible] has been received. [illegible] the first [illegible] We are very much in need of money [illegible] the school year is nearly [illegible] all outstanding obligations [illegible] paying the regular [illegible] expenses of the boarding department. This cannot be done unless our patrons pay their bills. Please send one hundred dollars right away and by so doing confer a great favor on the Institution that has done so much for your children. Let me hear from you.

Yours Respy
[illegible] Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

April 10

Mrs. J. A. Cowley
Oberlin Ohio.

Madam,

Fifty one dollars and eighty cents will pay all that your son [illegible] is now owing the University, and for his board and tuition to the end of the present school year. You will confer a great favor upon us if you will send the amount immediately. The institution is in urgent need of money with which to pay expenses of the boarding department, and unless our patrons pay their bills promptly we shall be greatly embarrassed. If you cannot send the full amount please send [illegible] and pay the balance in two or three weeks. You had better remit by Bank draft payable to the order of [illegible]

Yours truly

April 10

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] favor on the institution and by so doing confer a favor [illegible] for your children [illegible] that has done so much [illegible]

April 11 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Please send me $1000.00 on Jubilee Hall a/c. About one week hence I shall call on you for $2000.00 to pay on brick and stone work. The first story is about one third built, and all the windows and door frames are in place. Considerable time has been lost since the brick work was commenced, on account of rainy weather.

Rev. White writes me under date of March 4 that they expect to sail May 8 and reach New York about the 16 or 17, and adds — "It will be necessary probably for me to go directly to Illinois with my little motherless children and the remains of my dear wife — in that case, I shall wish if practicable that you meet me in New York City, and see that the singers are safely landed in Nashville. * * Perhaps what I have written about our coming had as well be confidential with you."

If this arrangement is to be carried into effect, please notify me as soon as possible, that I may plan the work accordingly. Please decide whether you will have the Head of Lincoln in stone over the front door of Jubilee Hall, and see Hatch about it. I have written him to confer with you.

Yours Truly T. C. Steward

April 11

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed, Jubilee Hall Financial Statement for March. A difficult question has come up that I can't settle. The dental course that runs only across the front and ends of the building, @ 77¢ each tooth, while these courses of brick will make 8½ inches. You can see what the result will be in turning the corners, and changing from stone to brick. Please consult with Hatch at once, as there is no time to lose. To continue the dental course all around the building in these places will increase the cost $1468. You will have to decide whether this must be done, and I wish you to telegraph me — by night message — your decision. In order that the work be not delayed, I should hear from you not later than Saturday evening.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

April 14 4

Rev. E.M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed, Jubilee Hall Financial Statement for March. A difficult question has come up that I can't settle. The lintel course that runs only across the fronts and ends of the building, is 7½ inches thick, while three courses of brick will make 8½ inches. You can see what the result will be in turning the corner, and changing from stone to brick. Please consult with Hatch at once, as there is no time to be lost. To continue the lintel courses all around the building in three stories, will increase the cost $468. You will have to decide whether this must be done, and I wish you to telegraph me — by night message — your decision. In order that the work be not delayed, I should hear from you not later than Saturday morning.

Yours Truly

T.C. Steward

April 14 4

Dear Bro. Wheatley, Please send on first car shipped after receipt of this order —
20 pcs. 5 x 12½ x 17

Only five cars rec'd under my order of March 19.

Yours truly F. C. Stewart

April 18 H

Jas. L. Jackson & Bro.
315 East 28th St. New York.

Gentlemen.

Please send me your illustrated catalogue, with price list, of ornamental iron works. Also your tables, giving strength of different kinds of building materials.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.
Supt. Construction

April 18 4

Robt. A. Wood.
Philadelphia Pa.
Sir.

Please send me your illustrated catalogue, with price list of ornamental iron works. In the construction of our University buildings, and ornamentation of the grounds, I shall use a large amount of this class of work.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward
Sup. Construction

NO. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.

April 18 [illegible]

Meſs. Sneed & Co.
Louisville Ky.

Gents.

Please send me your illustrated catalogue, and price list of ornamental iron works I want about 80 or 90 iron steps 3' 9" long by 11" wide with 7½" risers. What can you furnish them for? The horses are to be of iron, and sufficiently strong to support a flight of steps 13 feet high!

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward
Supt. Construction

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO.

April 20 x

Dear Bro. Wesley,

Yours of 17 with invoice of 6th car rec'd this morning. First five cars lumber rec'd for which money will be sent tomorrow. Please cut and ship as soon as possible the following in addition to former bills:—

310 – 2 × 6 × 11
355 – 2 × 5 × 11
50 – 2 × 6 × 12
255 – 2 × 5 × 12
8 – 6 × 12½ × 17
10 – 5 × 12½ × 17
100 – 2½ × 12½ × 17
15 – 2½ × 12½ × 18
175 – 2 × 12½ × 18
240 – 2½ × 12½ × 22
25 – 2 × 12½ × 23
185 – 2½ × 12½ × 25
22 – 2½ × 12½ × 30

Can you find some very nice curly timber and cut it into one inch boards? I would like this as soon as possible so it will have time to dry.

Yours truly

T. G. Steward

April 20 11.
1.30 P.M.

Dear Bro. Wesley.

In an order mailed to you this morning for lumber, I made two mistakes .. Please correct

As ordered	As corrected
175 - 2 x 12½ x 18	175 - 2 x 12½ x 17
25 - 2 x 12½ x 23	25 - 2 x 12½ 24

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

Apr 20th

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 8th inst with P.O. order for $4. was duly rec'd. Your [illegible] a/c from the time of her entering the school up to the last of May, as you requested it, was mailed before your last was rec'd.

Yours Truly
Thos. J. [illegible]
per L. C. B.

Apr 20th 4

Mrs Temprie Edmonson
Pulaski Tenn.

Dear Madam

Yours of 16th inst with P.O. order for five dollars is rec'd and placed to your daughter's credit. Minnie has not yet got the money you sent by Rev Brown. She will write you in regard to it.—

Very Respectfully
[illegible] C. Stewart
per L. C. S.

April 21 4

Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen

Yours of 16 rec'd. Please fill car with one and two inch first class lumber.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

P.S.
Did Mr. Shaffer write you of the mistakes made in the first story frames?
T.C.S.

April 28 4

A. D. Norris.
Austin Tenn.

Sir.
There is a young lady in this University who wishes employment as teacher in a colored school. I can recommend her as of good moral character, and one who will be likely to give satisfaction to the authorities and patrons of the school. She would like to begin teaching right away, and if you have a district unsupplied, I trust you will consider her application

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

FISK UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES No.

April 21 4

John B. McEwen.
Franklin Tenn.

Sir.

A young lady in this Institution wishes to get a situation as teacher of a colored school. She can furnish good recommendations as to character &c. If public money in any of your districts is not yet expended, please consider this application, and write me.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

April 28 [illegible]

James L. Watts.
Springfield Tenn.

Sir.

A young lady in this University wishes to get a situation as teacher in a colored school, to begin as soon as arrangements can be perfected. If you have a district not supplied, where there is money to pay a teacher, I can recommend to you the lady named.

Yours Respy T. C. Steward.

April 21   4

E. W. Jarman
Murfreesboro Tenn.

Sir.

I wish to get a situation for a young lady in our University as teacher in a colored school. If there is a district in your County where a teacher is wanted, and the public money is not expended, I trust you will consider this application.

Yours Resp'y

T. C. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Apr 20th 4

Mrs Mahala Buckner
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Madam

Yours of 16th inst with P.O. order for seventeen dollars is rec'd. Jemima seems to be doing well. As we are in need of the money I trust you will very soon be able to pay all dues. All bills to the close of the school year must be settled by May 1st. Please address all business letters to me.

Very Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward.
per L. C. S.

Apr 20th 4

Mrs Martha Ferguson
Memphis Tenn.

Madam

I am in receipt of check for $10— through W. D. Smith Cashier of National Savings Bank of your city— This amt has been placed to the credit of your daughters Edna. Accept thanks for promptness.
All dues to the close of school year must be settled by the 15th of next month.

Very Respectfully
Thos C. Steward.
per L. C. C.

Apr 20th.

Rev. L. A. Roberts
Grenada Miss.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 18th inst is rec'd. Twenty six dollars and forty cents was rec'd from you some time ago and should have been acknowledged before this. The expressage was fifty cents which was not prepaid.

Truly Yours,
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

Apr 20th   4

Geo. Wm. Morford
Chattanooga. Tenn.

Dear Sir

Your last letter with remittance of five dollars was duly rec'd, but by an oversight has not been acknowledged. All bills for board to the close of the school year must be settled by the 15th of next month.

Very truly
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

A. M. A. ARCH. FISK UNIV.

Apr 21st

Mr R. N. Countee
Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 16th inst. with P.O. order for $3.00 rec'd. Enclosed please find statement of Mary F. Bustace a/c up to March 31st. Her tuition is paid to the close of the school year. She will need about twenty one dollars to pay board bill to close of year, and at least eight dollars for music. Can not tell exactly in regard to the music until the close of school. You had better send $30.00. If there is anything left over, it will be refunded to Mary. All a/cs for board &c up to the close of school year, must be settled by the 15th of next month. Address all business letters to me.

Very Respectfully
Thos. E. Steward
Pres. L. C. S.

Mary E. Burton in a/c with
Fisk University Dr.

To Board from Aug. 31 to Mch. 29	83 00
Tuition 1st - 2nd - 2nd	10
Music 45 lessons	22 50
Books and Stationery	2 55
Cash at different times	10 85
	128 90

Cr.

Sept.	7	By Cash	15
Oct.	4	"	15
Nov.	15	"	15
Jany	15	"	15
Feb	9	"	20
Mch.	14	"	15
April	17	"	35
			130

A.M.E. ARCHIVES

April 9th 18

Mr. Wm. Still.
Philadelphia Pa.
Dear Sir.

Your valuable gift to the University - a copy of "The Under Ground Rail Road" - has been received, and placed in the Library. I assure you it will be highly appreciated, and in behalf of the officers and students of the University, I tender you thanks.

Most truly Yours
T. G. Steward

April 11 / 86

Dear Bro. Wheeler,
I send you by Express this day $503.20 less $14.00 previously forwarded. It is to pay for first five cars lumber shipped on March 27 & 31 – April 2-6 & 7. and is as follows:—

Cash	$301.90	
Frt. Receipts	187.30	489.20
Amt. previously sent		$14.
		503.20

Yours Truly
F. C. Stewart.
Supt. Construction

April 24 [illegible]

Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen.

Yours of 22 inst recd. The back linings for eight large frames — offset opening — were one inch too short, and new ones had to be made in their stead. The small windows on either side of large front door, were not intended for box frames. There should have been no Transoms over front door. The large ash frame made for main front entrance, was patched in a place that would show any planing, as it was to be finished in oil. Nearly all the pulley joints ~~[illegible]~~ in window frames were patched, and mortised anew for the pulleys. This would make no difference perhaps if the wood work should be painted. I distinctly stated to you while in Chicago one year ago, that all the wood inside this building was to be finished in oil, and that is the reason I wanted only first class material and workmanship. I have used the ash jambs for another outside door, and made ~~[illegible]~~ new frames entirely for the large front door, and two small side windows. In getting up the inside work, please bear in mind that I want only that that is first class in every respect.

Yours Truly T. C. Steward.

April 27 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

Your telegram and letter of 26 inst in relation to lintel courses, were duly rec'd. Both were too late for extra stone course, as the brick work over fourth story windows, was too high. Watts plan only increased the difficulty, and I have ~~been~~ now decided to try the original plan. So much rain in the last two weeks the work has moved slowly. This week begins fair, and I hope to be able to report more progress. Window hoods are being put on, and look well. I have heard nothing more from Bro. White, and expect to go to New York some time next week, unless you write or telegraph me, immediately on receipt of this - not to come. Please send $1000. on Jubilee Hall Ja

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

A.M.A. ARC. NO. FISK-UNIV.

April 29 '84

Dear Bro Wesley;
Please send me in addition to bills already ordered, the following:—

450 pcs. 2 × 3 × 11
1000 " 1/2 × 3 × 16
1000 " 1/2 × 2 × 13
60 " 3 × 4 × 16

The last named are for wooden brick, and I want timber that will shrink as little as possible and last in the wall as long as the building stands, should like them cut just 8 inches thick. I may possibly go to New York next week, to be absent from home ten days - Not certain yet. The waters are abating so that we can see the face of the earth once more.

Yours Truly
L. C. Steward.

Apr 24th

Miss N. H. Jones
Oberlin Ohio

Madam

Yours of 2d inst rec'd. It is necessary that all bills due the University be settled by the 15th of next month. (two weeks from now) Will you do us the favor to call the attention of your aunt to her son's indebtedness, as soon as she returns. We hope to hear from her ~~soon~~.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

[illegible] Apr 30th

Mr R. B. Kyle
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir

Yours favor of 27th recd. Sorry to hear of your misfortune. Think it quite probable that they will give you a bill before long.

Very Truly
Thos. C. Steward

Apr 30th 4

Mr C. M. Fizer
Springfield Tenn.

Dear Sir

[illegible] Your favor of 18th inst. rec'd [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
any [illegible] will
[illegible] trust that [illegible]

Respectfully
Theo C. Steward.
per L. C. C.

Apr 21st.

Miss Alice Pratt.
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Friend:

Your favor of Mar 28th recd some time since. Knowing that times were hard I have been very lenient in regard to your payments. Now I am in much need of the money and hope that you will be able to pay soon and trust that I may hear from you in a few days.

Very Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

Apr 30th 4

Mr Samuel Cox
Port Anderson Miſs.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 22d inst is rec'd. We trust that you will bear in mind that all bills due this University must be settled on or before the 10th of next month. Hope that we shall hear from you soon, and that we shall receive more than good promises.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per S. C. S.

ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.
NO.

Apr 21st 4

Robert Wood & Co
Ridge Av. Philadelphia.
Sirs

Designs, price lists &c from you are rec'd. Accept thanks for the favor.

Respectfully
Thos C. Steward
per L. C. C.

F. A. M. C. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

May 5— 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 30 ult with check for $1000. on Jubilee Hall &c. is rec'd. On receipt of this please send $1500. more. The last of this week I will make second payment on cut stone work — about $1400. — and next week will have to pay on iron work. If the weather is fair so that the brick work can go forward, the first story will probably be completed by the last of next week, and I will then want $2000. or $2500. in addition to the above requisition. Since you were here, over one half the time has been lost on account of rain. I have some figures on the coping and cornice, for cast iron and stone — the latter can probably be done for the least money. If I go to New York, would like to get there in time to spend two or three days with Hatch on plans for roof, tower &c. &c. This will save me a great deal of writing, and help the work. Bro. White appears to be in trouble again with the singers. Maggie writes her mother about four weeks ago, that six of them — including herself — expected to remain and give Concerts two months or more. I feared at the time that the plan had not White's approval. There was no positive proof of this until last Sunday, when a letter from Mr. White told the whole story. It was this that prompted me to telegraph you Sunday evening. I sincerely hope that those who planned to remain may be induced to come home with Mr. White.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

May 5th 4

Miss Mary Lovell
Chattanooga Tenn.

Madam

Please find enclosed five dollars & forty-cents ($5.40). This sum is due you after paying your indebtedness to the University and your board bill. Should like to have you acknowledge receipt of this immediately -

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

May 5 4

Mr. Hannibal Davis.
Tougaloo Miss.

Dear Bro.

Your letter was duly received. I was sure you would find Mr. Claflin a good man to work with, and am glad you are so well pleased. I have had but one carpenter employed regularly besides Mr. Hall. For a few days at a time it was necessary to have two or three extra hands. When our building is further along, a larger force will be required. I did not intend to send for you and other Marion men, until steady employment could be given. There are no objections to your coming at any time if you wish to do so instead of returning to Marion. About the middle of June we shall probably commence work on the roof timbers, and then I would like to have you and Crawford, Garrett, and Parker. If you decide to come earlier, and I can help you to get work in the City, I will cheerfully do so. Please write me as soon as possible, of your plans, and then I will know what engagements to make. Remember me to all the friends from Marion, and also to Mr Claflin. Mrs. Steward sends kind regards.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

May 6 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Enclosed I hand you Jubilee Hall Financial Statement for April. Hatch has not yet sent the plans for stone work over front porch where the bronze bust is to be placed. This is the finest day of the season, and full forces are at work on brick, cut stone &c. A few days of the same kind and we can begin putting on second floor timbers. The ditch for main sewer, for nearly 200 ft. from the building, and the whole depth of ten feet, is through solid rock. On account of this, and the rainy weather, I have not got the sewer pipe laid.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

May 11th 4

Mr W. H. Lewis
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 2d inst. rec'd. When your sister is through taking music lessons for this term, so that I can tell just how much to charge her, I will return her a/c to you. I have been trying to obtain reduced R.R. fare for our students. There will probably be a reduction of $3. from Nashville to Memphis. I cannot tell definitely yet The regular fare is $11.00. You would do well to send your sister $10. for her travelling expenses.

Truly
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

May 11th 4

Mr James L. Jackson
New York

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Apr 27th and Descriptive price list are rec'd. Thanks for your kindness.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

May 14th 4

Dear Brother Wesley

Yours of 11th inst. rec'd.

Carwin has gone to New York and will not be back for a week or ten days. Mike care of vouchers have been rec'd - Bills have been rec'd for ten. Carwin will give you another order when he returns. The Jubilee Singers are expected on the 17th. - Mr White - who has charge of them is very sick - it is doubtful whether he reaches this country alive. Carwin was sent for, to meet the troupe in N.Y. and bring them on to Nashville.

We rec'd a good letter from Ella a few days ago. Thanks to her for writing to us. I intend to answer as soon as I can find time. I am very busy all the time - and unusually so when Carwin is away from home.

Love to Mary and each of the children. We are all well, but it is very warm weather.

Truly -

L. C. Steward.

NO. A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

May 14th 4

Gross & Philips
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sirs

We hear nothing from you. If you have not shipped the stuff already please do so right away.

Respectfully
Thos. G. Steward
per L. C. S.

May 16th 4

Mr Alfred Cannon
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th inst with P.O. order for $12. is received. You need to send $26. more to pay up all George's bills to the close of this term. You are aware that unless board is paid in advance we charge $2.75 per week. Hope that we may receive the full am't from you soon.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward.
per L. C. C.

May 16th 4

Dea Wm. Marford
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir

We have heard nothi
from you for some time. Your daughter's board, tuition &c due the University—to the end of this term amounts to $65.85. If you will send the balance immediately we will give you $25.
We are much embarraſsed for lack of funds. Our patrons are very slow about paying. You see the conditions upon which we promise to give you $25. We trust that for your own sake as well as ours ~~that~~ you will avail yourself of this offer, and send the entire balance $40.85 immediately.

Very Truly
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

May 16th.

Mr Eugene Welborn
Clinton Miss.

Dear Sir

Your sisters Maggie and Ida have already rec'd a large amt of assistance from this University. They are now, in addition to this, heavily in debt to the Univ. for board, tuition &c. We are much embarrassed for lack of funds and have been obliged to borrow money to get through the year. We have been hoping that you & your brother Walter would send money to pay your sisters bills, but we hear nothing from either of you. It would seem that a sense of honor would lead you to at least assist in the support of your sisters. Let us hear from you.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

Mrs Mary Porter
Caledonia Ill.

Dear Madam

Your son John C. left here for Palo Alto. Colfax Co Miss on the 5th inst. He is in debt to the University for board &c the sum of $25.50. Can you send this amt very soon. We are much embarrassed because our patrons are so slow to pay their indebtedness. We loaned John $15. when he left. The order for $15. that you sent him paid that. Your letter has been forwarded to him. John is a good boy and has done well in school. Trust we may hear from you very soon.

Respectfully
Thos C. Steward
per L. C. S.

May 16th 4

Mr O. J. Rhodes
Columbia Tenn.

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of P.O. ord
from you for $10. to apply on your daughters a/c.
Send $4. more, and this will pay up all dues to
the end of the term. Please remit the $4. right
as we wish to close up the students accts.

Respktfully
Thos. C. Stew
per L. C. B

May 16th 4

Mr Edward Porter

Dear Friend

This letter which I enclose was rec'd a few days ago. An order for $15. came with it. That was just the amt. which you borrowed when you left. You owe the University $25.00 for board &c. Will you ask your father or mother to send this soon. We hope that you and Mr Neale are well, and having good success.

Very Truly

L. C. Steward

May 16th

Mrs J. A. Cosby
Oberlin Ohio.

Dear Madam

Yours of 13th inst with P.O. order for $51.80 is rec'd. Your note to Colbert was handed to him.

Very Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

May 18th

Rev. J. A. [illegible]
Oberlin, Ohio.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 15th inst. with receipt for $68.50 is rec'd. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] as [illegible] to him.

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Cor. Sec.

May 18th 4

Mr W. H. Lewis
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 2d inst. was answered the 11th. The $4. was placed to your sisters credit. When she is through with her music lessons for the term so that I know just what to charge her, I will give her credit for the $4. sent this month and also the $4. sent in April for music, and will return you the a/c as you desire. I wrote you that there would be a reduction of fare from here to Memphis, but that I could not yet tell you exactly how much—probably three dollars. The regular fare is $11.60.
I will receipt the a/c and send it you as has been explained.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L. C. S.

May 18th. 4

Mr John Stroude
Glencoe, Miss

Dear Sir

Your sons - Alfred and Lewis are quite heavily in debt to this University and it is only a short time now before they wish to leave for home. The school year closes 28th of present month.

Alfred's indebtedness amounts to $82.15. Lewis' to $102.10. These amts include Dr's bill which has been paid by us, and all expenses up the close of the term — May 28th.

You see that the amt that they both owe the University is $184.25 - We very much need this money, and have been obliged to borrow on account of tardiness of patrons in paying their bills. The boys have said it was hard times, and so we have been very patient with. But now we ask you to send us the amt of their indebtedness right away. Do not send money in registered letters. Send to your agent in New Orleans and ask him to send Draft directly here + made payable to me.

Respectfully - Thos C. Steward
per J. C. S.

May 20th 84

Mr. R. H. Gamble
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst. just rec'd. This is the first and only letter we have rec'd from you since Apr 10th at which time you sent $38. We replied to this letter on the 21st of Apr. and sent you statement of Mary Ransom a/c to Mar. 24th giving credit for all that had been paid on her a/c to Apr 17th. You will see by referring to this a/c and the accompanying letter that she was owing nearly thirty dollars. The only particular that could not be stated exactly was music. Sometimes a pupil takes one or two lessons more or less during the month than they design, and for this reason we cannot give definitely the music a/c until the month is up. Thirty dollars will pay Mary's bill for board, room &c. and should there be any thing left over it will be handed to Mary. As I understand your letter yesterday, the $30 you enclose is to pay traveling &c. then you need to send $30. as by statement sent you April 21st. Her a/c may call for only $29. or $29.60 but I think I have made that clear.

Yours Respectfully, Asst. Steward.

May 20th 4

Mr R. N. Countee
Brownsville Tenn.

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst. just rec'd. This is the first and only letter we have rec'd from you since Apr 15th at which time you sent $35. We replied to this letter on the 21st of Apr. and sent you statement of Mary Rustons a/c. up to Mar. 31st; giving ~~you~~ credit for all that had been paid on her a/c up to Apr 17th. You will see by referring to this a/c and the accompanying letter that she was owing nearly thirty dollars. The only particular that could not be stated exactly, was music. Sometimes a pupil takes one or two lessons more or less during the month than they design, and for this reason we cannot give definitely the music a/c. until the month is up.

Thirty dollars will pay Mary's bills for board, music &c and should there be any thing left over it will be handed to Mary. As I understand yours of this morning, the $5 you enclose is to pay travelling ex. Then you need to send $30. as by statement sent you Apr 21st. Her a/c may call for only $29. or $29.60 but I think I have made that clear.

Yours Respectfully Thos. C. Steward. L.

May 20th. 4

Mr Benj. Ousley
Glencoe Miss

Dear Sir

Your two sons and daughter
are quite heavily in debt to this University. Also
Mr J. J Ridley is owing us. and refers us to you to pay
his bills. Their indebtedness for board, tuition &c to
the close of the present year is as follows.
Gabriel $43.50 — Benj. $43.25 — Amanda $59.75 —
Ridley $.50.10 — Total amt. due — $196.60
We have been very patient with you, and have
been put to considerable inconvenience. We have been
obliged to borrow money for the necessary expenses of
the school. School closes in a few days. Can you
send us the amt of these bills $196.60 right away.
We are much in need of the money. and you should
have paid it before this time
Do not send the money in a registered letter. but
send a draft payable to me. You can instruct your
agent in New Orleans to send a Bank Draft directly
to me. To send money in a registered letter is not a
safe way. Let me hear from you. Respectfully — Thos. G. [illegible]

May 20th 4

Mr Wm. Carroll
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir

We hear nothing from you. Expected before this to have rec'd from you the amt of your Daughter Lulu's indebtedness to the University for board, borrowed money &c. She still owes $87.55. Can you send the money right away? We are greatly in need of it. Let us hear from you soon.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
per L.C.S.

Mr Benj Overton
Lake Providence La.

Dear Sir

Your sons are in debt to this University the amt of $76.90. for board, tuition &c. Samuel owes $64.65. Thomas owes $12.25. We are greatly in need of the money. Can you send us the amt of this bill — $76.90 immediately. School closes in a few days. We had hoped to hear from you before this.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward.
per L. C. C.

Send Bank Draft or P.O. order made payable to Thos. C. Steward

May 20th 4

Mr Otis Joyce
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir

Your daughter Callie owes this University for board, tuition &c the amt of $78.60. We expected to have rec'd this some time ago, but have heard nothing from you. We are in much need of the money. School closes in a few days. Can you send this amt immediately.

Respectfully
Thos C. Steward.
S.C.S.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

May 27th 4

Mrs Jane Cook
Columbia Tenn.

Dear Madam
Your son Alexander is owing the University for board, tuition &c the sum of $64.80. Please send the amt immediately.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
L.U.S.

May 27th 4

Mrs Charlotte Parke
Columbia Tenn.

Dear Madam

Your son Eugene is now owing the University for board &c. the sum of $18.50. Please send this amt. to us immediately.

Respectfully
Thos. C. Steward
L.C.S.

June 4 4

Mrs. Mahala Buckner.
Chattanooga Tenn.
Madam.

Your favor of 29 May, to Mr. Spence, enclosing four dollars to purchase R.R. ticket for Emma, has been received. This money has been placed to Emma's credit on account of board. She is still owing the University $\$47^{\underline{75}}$ and I trust you will send the full amount right away as there are large bills to be met and we are much in need of funds. You promised if we would keep Emma from going to Kentucky with her mother, you would pay her expenses in this Institution. We have done our part, and hope you will promptly meet your obligation.

Yours Respy. T. C. Steward

June 9 4

Mr. Samuel Phillips
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir.

Would you like to come to Nashville and work on Jubilee Hall? I want you right away, and will give you employment one year if you desire it and we can agree on terms. Board will cost you from $3.00 to 3.50 per week, and you can ascertain by enquiring at the ticket office what the travelling expenses will be. I consider this city as healthful as any in the south. Our new building where you would work, is out of the city and in a very healthful locality. Mr. Hall of Marion Ala. came here over one year ago, and he has not lost a day from sickness, although here during the whole time that cholera raged so fearfully last summer. If you will come, give me your price per day, and we will see what can be done.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

June 9 4

Mr. Crawford Davis
Tougaloo Miss.

Dear Bro.

How long before you can come to Nashville to work on Jubilee Hall I need you right away, and will give you employment several months. You will lose but few days on account of rainy weather between this time and Oct. 1st when I hope to have the building enclosed. Write me at once what you will do, and your price per day.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

A. ARCHIVES
NO.
UNIV.

June 10 4

Dear Bro. Wesley.
I have received thirteen cars of lumber for which money will be sent very shortly. I ordered $2000. from New York last week, but it has not yet arrived. Since my return from New York I have been greatly pressed with work. School closed on 29 May and most of the teachers and students have gone.
Our little Elwin has been very sick for about some weeks but we trust is a little better today.

Yours truly,
F. C. Stewart

June 10 '4

Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen

I have unloaded and examined your last shipment of window frames and lumber for Jubilee Hall. Much of the frame stuff cannot be used, and as your agent Mr. Shaffer has been on the ground and acquainted himself with all the facts, I have asked him to report to you particulars. Remittances will be made as soon as the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIVERSITY

June 10 4

Mr. W. E. Whiting.
New York.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find an order from Jennie Jackson for One hundred dollars to be sent me. I advanced her this amount to pay travelling expenses to Detroit Mich which she went this week.
I telegraphed you one week ago for $2000. on Jubilee Hall a/c, but have yet received nothing. This delay causes me much embarrassment. Your favor in relation to Insurance on building has been received. I will attend to the matter.

Yours Truly

E. C. Stewart

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

June 16 4

Mr. Samuel Phillips
Montgomery Ala
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 8inst received today. I am sorry you have an engagement for so long a time, as my building is slow just at a point where I need a reliable man and good workman like yourself. Mr. Hall has been with me about one year, and expects to remain until the completion of Jubilee Hall. He needs an assistant of experience, and if you will be here by the first day of July, I will pay you for all time you make at work, $3.75 per day! This will enable you to pay for board which will not cost over 3.50 per week, and your travelling expenses, and clear ~~about~~ about $3.00 per day. These terms in consideration of the facts that you are to have a long job, and will get the cash every Saturday — will be considered good I think. Second story of brick will be completed in about ten days, and I shall then be hurried to put on the joists. Write me what you will do so I can arrange accordingly

Yours truly T. C. Steward

Carpenters in Nashville get from 2.00 to 2.75 per day — Very few receive 3.00 per day.

June 16 4

Mr. P. J. Anderson.
Montgomery Ala.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 13 inst rec'd. I am also in receipt of a letter of same date from Mr. Phillips in relation to work. I had no idea when writing him that he had any permanent engagement, as all the news from Alabama was to the same effect — "hard times, and no work." I need him very much, but can get along until first of July, and have so written him. If he decides to come here, I trust you will be able to make such an arrangement as will be pleasant and satisfactory to yourself. I shall be sorry if my proposition to him seriously embarrasses you.

Please accept thanks for the items of interest you were kind enough to give. I am glad to hear of the good health of yourself and family. Last Friday we buried our youngest boy — about ten months of age. Mrs. Stewart is not well, but I trust she is not going to be seriously ill.

Yours truly.

T. C. Stewart

June 16   4

Mr. Jas. P. Claflin
Tougaloo Miss.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 9 inst is received. I have sent for two men from Alabama, to work on Jubilee Hall, and if they come I will need no other Carpenters right away. When I put on the roof in Sept. or Oct. shall want a larger force, and if your friend Mr. Thomas is then wanting a job, he may find it profitable to come here. Last Friday we buried our Baby, and Mrs. Stewart is not now well.

Yours truly
T. C. Stewart.

June 18 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I send herewith a list of expenses on a/c of Jubilee Singers. If any explanation is necessary I will cheerfully give it.

Miss Sheppard left Tuesday evening for Boston via New York, and I think expected to call on you at 56 Reade St. Maggie and Jennie left a week earlier for Detroit. Rutling and Holmes are here yet. Georgia & Minnie at their homes in the city. I have heard none of them speak of future plans. Miss Williams writes me that Bro. White is improving quite rapidly. We are rejoiced to hear it.

Your favor of 11 inst with check for $2000. rec'd. Check for $2000. sent on 8 inst not rec'd. Please send duplicate, or another check for same amt, on receipt of this letter. Work on Jubilee Hall is progressing reasonably fast.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

B.Y.U. A. ARCHIVES

June 20 '4

Dear Bro. Wesley.

Your letter written after you reached home, was duly rec'd. Cordie has been sick ever since the death of our little boy, and is now so weak she can hardly walk to and from the dining room. Tuesday night I had a severe billious attack, and have scarcely recovered from the effects of it yet. For two days was not able to do much. Ernest misses his brother very much, and I think it is wearing on him. The weather is very hot and dry and there is considerable sickness in the city. It may become necessary for me to take my family and go away for a while. At any rate I must take things as easily as possible — Can't be hurried. I send you by express today $464. Balance on lumber already rec'd. Do not send more than three or four cars of one inch boards, and they must be ~~[illegible]~~ Yours Truly T. C. Stewart

Send on first car 6 pcs 5 x 12 x 17

ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.

June 20 4

Rev. D. W. Phillips.
Medfield Mass.

Dear Sir.

I understand your house and lot north of Jefferson St. in the vicinity of Jubilee Hall, is for sale. If so will you please give me your price, with terms of payment &c. When Bro. Cravath was in this city three weeks ago, we visited your home, and your daughter kindly showed us through the house.

Yours Truly
T. G. Steward.

ARCHIVES
TUSK. UNIV.

June 22 4

Mr. Crawford Davis.
Marion Ala.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 17 inst. just rec'd. I shall probably want you the first of Aug. though could give you employment before that time if you were here. I cannot engage however to pay you more than $250 per day – out of which you will have to pay for board and travelling expenses. Board can be had for from $ 3^{00} to 3^{50} per week. In making this offer I am governed by carpenters wages in this city. My chief object in sending abroad for workmen is to give the preference to those with whom I am acquainted, provided they can compete with those on the ground. If wages advance at any time, I expect to keep up with the ruling prices. Yours truly T. C. Steward.

June 20 4

R. N. Countee
Brownsville Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 18 inst is just received. I cheerfully comply with your request and send herewith a statement of Miss Mary E. Burton account for the whole school year from Aug 31 1873, to May 28, 1874. It seems to me this account will not be difficult to understand. Mary will remember getting money at different times in sums as stated in the account, and also of getting books and stationery, stamps &c. She is there credited with all the money I have received on her account, and most of this has come to me through other hands. I hope you may yet find the $10.00 last sent. Mary is now owing the institution $38.70 and I trust you will find it convenient to forward the whole amount at once, either by money order ~~of~~ or Bank draft, payable to my order. We need the money.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

Mary E. Barton in a/c with
Fisk University Dr.

To Board Aug 31 to May 28		104 90
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Slate	.30	
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"	3.	10 85
		158 70

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Oct.	4	"	15
Nov.	15	"	15
Jany	15	"	15
Feb	9	"	20
Mch	14	"	15
Apr	7	"	35
			130

Balance due the University 28 70

June 20 — 4

Chas. E. Luke Esqr.
Geo. Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

Yours from Chicago and Indianapolis in relation to the last shipment of frames for Jubilee Hall — received. I was just on the point of sending you check on New York, when you wrote that Mr. Shaffer would come here and settle this matter. I then expected him, until your letter from Indianapolis was rec'd. I will make out a list today of frames that were not used, and tomorrow forward it with check for full amt. of your bill, and leave you to make such deductions as you may think just and proper. I trust more care will be taken in filling future orders, so that these delays may be avoided.

Respy Yours
F. G. Stewart

June 20 4

Chas. L. Jenks Treas.
Vaas & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

Your favors from Chicago and Indianapolis in relation to the last shipment of frames for Jubilee Hall - are received. I was just on the point of sending you check on New York, when you wrote that Mr. Shaffer would come here and settle this matter. I then expected him, until your letter from Indianapolis was rec'd. I will make out a list today of pieces that were not used, and tomorrow forward it with check for full amt. of your bill, and leave you to make such deduction as you may think just and proper. I trust more care will be taken in filling future orders, so that these delays may be avoided.

Resp'y Yours
T. C. Steward

E. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

June 26 4

Chas. L. Jenks. Treas.
Foss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

Of the last shipment of window frames for Jubilee Hall, the following pieces could not be used— 2^d Story

32 Back jambs
4 Grooved casings-too narrow
8 Mullion " for outside-too narrow
3^d Story
54 Back jambs

Time and lumber to make the changes \$$16^{00}$
I enclose herewith a check for full amount of your bill \$$847^{45}$ Make such allowance as you think just and return the difference by check or Money Order, with the enclosed Receipts filled out and signed.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

June 20 4

Mr. Wm. Morford.
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 1st inst. in relation to work is received. The expenses of travelling and board would amount to so much it would hardly pay you to come here to work. We have applied $30. of the Peabody Fund on your daughters indebtedness, so you are now owing us but $2150 I trust you will make an effort to raise this amount at once, even if you are obliged to borrow it from some friend. We need the money to help pay off the debt incurred in keeping up the boarding department during the school year.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

June 29 4

Rev. E.M. Cravath.
Berea Ky.
Dear Bro.

Can you not come down from Berea and spend at least one day with us? Several applications to purchase lots in the Fort Houston Grant, and I would like to have your advice about laying it off for market if it is thought best to offer it now. It may be well to have it arranged right away, so that when a good purchaser can be found there will be no delay. I have given Sevan & Bean the contract for balance of cut stone work on the roof story. The cost will not exceed $350. Do you think I had better keep the plastering in my own hands, instead of having it done by contract? This matter must be decided at once so the sand can be secured while river is low. We can probably get a better job to do it by the day, though the cost will no doubt be a little more. The same may be said in relation to putting on the roof. I am putting up timbers for third floor, and will be ready for brick work to commence on that story this week. Brick work of 2d story not quite done yet. Good weather for work only very hot and dry. The lost check for $3000 has turned up. I will return it to Mrs Whiting. Come down to Nashville if you can, and you will be able to take a better report to Bro White. Mrs Stewards health improved some. I am feeling reasonably well part of the time. Shall aim to keep work on Jubilee Hall moving, even though some other things get behind a little.

What is your Minn address?

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

Letter Press of Mr.
T. C. Steward.
Nov. 26, 1872 to
Oct. 20, 1874.

No. ______ A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

June 29   4

Wm. H. Lewis.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

I enclose herewith a Statement of your sisters a/c from the time she entered the Boarding department until the close of the school year May 28. I was called away to New York for nearly two weeks the latter part of the May, so that when Lulu left for home her a/c was not balanced. Owing to sickness of my family and myself, and the death of our little boy, my office work got considerably behind. This is my excuse for the delay, and I am confident you will accept it as a good one. On settling your sisters a/c there was due her $3.75 for which I enclose a Money Order, less five cents for the order. Lulu's record in school and the family is good, and I trust you will plan to let her return at the beginning of next year Sep. 7. Please accept thanks for your promptness in payment of bills. Miss Wells has gone north.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

Miss Lulu Lewis in a/c with
Fisk University Dr.

To Board Sep. 18 to May 98	90 45
Tuition 3 terms - 3.50 ~~2.25~~ 2.25	8
Music 41 lessons	20 50
Books, Cash &c	6 80
Cash to balance a/c	3 75
	129 50

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Sep.	18	By Cash	42
Nov.	7		4
Dec.	3		4
	26		1 20
Jany.	5		30 55
Feby.	4		4
Mch.	4		3 50
	19		32 25
April	4		4
May	2		4
			129 50

June 29 4

Mr. Wm. E. Fisk
Como — Rock Ill.

Dear Friend.

Your letter of 4 inst. enclosing five dollars, and your Postal Card of a later date, are received. We have all been sick, and our little Elmer died on the 11 inst. This will explain to you the cause of my delay in replying to your letter. In closing up your account I find you are indebted to the University twenty five cents. On the 28 of May I paid you in money $7.25 when I should have paid you but $7.00 You will please send me the 25 cents and oblige. Hoping you will succeed in finding employment this summer, and that you may be able to return in Sept. to spend another year in school

Yours Truly
J. B. [illegible]

June 29 4

Miss Mary E Kirk
Cave in Rock Ill.

Dear Friend.

Your letter of 4 inst enclosing five dollars, and your Postal Card of a later date, are received. We have all been sick, and our little Elmer died on the 11 inst. This will explain to you the cause of my delay in replying to your letter. On closing up your account I find you are indebted to the University seventy five cents. On the 28 of May I paid you in money $7.85 when I should have paid you but $7.10. You will please send me the 75¢ and oblige. Hoping you will succeed in finding employment this summer, and that you may be able to return in Sept. to spend another year in school,

I am Yours Respy

J. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

July 1 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I telegraphed last evening for $4.000. on Jubilee Hall a/c, the most of which I will need this week. Please send me on Tuesday of next week, $1000. and on Tuesday of each of two following weeks the same amount. The last check for $2000. sent on 3 June, put in an appearance Sunday last. I return it herewith.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

NO. A. M. A. ARCHIVES UNIV.

July 1 4

Dear Bro Wesley.

Yours enclosing Receipts rec'd. Please send me by first train

125 pcs 3 × 8 × 11

and fill the car with 2 × 4 scantling 12 feet long. A little more care will be necessary in selecting lumber, as I find on overhauling that already here, much of it is split so it cannot be used, and some of it is so badly sprung it will be impossible to use it to advantage. You may send me right away two cars of one inch boards full thickness, 16 ft. long, and 12 to 16 inches wide — all choice stuff with very little sap and no knots or splits. This is for my finishing work and must fill the bill.

Yours truly

T. C. Stewart

July 1 . 4

S. D. Hatch.
109 Broadway New York.

Dear Sir.

You told me you intended to have the ridge of large gables same height of the main roof, but your drawings for the roof do not show it. Nor do your plans sent me at different times agree in this matter. On one drawing the height from top of stone course on which gutter rests, to top of large gable, is 16' 4" — on another 17' 4" — on a third over 18' — while on a fourth it is marked 20'. With these slight differences it is not an easy matter for me to determine what your intention is. The pencil drawings of main roof and gable — which I send you today by Express — are not sufficiently plain to guide me in the construction of the roof. If the main gables are to be as high as the other roof, and the roof on them the same pitch as the main roof, then will it not be necessary to make front gable walls higher, and also increase height of the large windows? Do you design to make roof on small dormers same pitch as main roof?

I wish you would make such changes and additions on these roof plans that I send you, as will make them *perfectly plain*, and return them by the middle of next week. Please mark the size of timbers you would use in the construction of the roof — hip and valley rafters, ordinary rafters, braces &c, and state whether the braces are to be bolted or nailed. I trust there will be no delay in completing the plans and returning them, as I want to get off a bill for the roof timbers, as soon as possible.

Yours Respy

T. C. Steward

P.S.

Of what material should the large gutter be made? Can the bronze bust of Lincoln be placed over front porch after the building is completed, and what is necessary to be done to the stone to which it will be fastened. This work will be put in place next week.

T. C. S.

July 2 4

Miss Lulu Parker.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Friend.

A package containing $12.50 came to your address soon after you left for home. I have been prevented by sickness in our family, and the death of our little Elmer, from closing my office work and balancing the accounts of boarders. You were owing the University $7.55 and the Doctor presented a bill against you of fifty cents which I paid. Eight dollars and five cents from twelve dollars and fifty cents, leaves four dollars and forty five cents, which I herewith enclose money order for, less five cents for the order. Please let me hear from you when convenient. I trust you will be successful during the summer

Yours truly T. C. Steward

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July 7 4

Miss Ada Roberts.
Murfreesboro Tenn.

Madam.

On closing your account with the University, I find there is due you One dollar and eighty cents which I send herewith by Money Order, less five cents for the order.

Yours Resp'y
T. G. Steward

A. M. A. Archives Fisk Univ.

July 4

Mr. Samuel Phillips
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 6th just received. I will want you here between the 19th and 20th of July. Please do not make any long engagements after the 12th and I will let you know as long before hand as possible the exact time definitely. I am now putting on third floor timbers, and hope I think work on roof will begin within a day or two from now. Sorry to hear of your sickness, and trust you will have good health the balance of the season.

Yours truly
J. B. Stewart

July 7 4

Mr. Samuel Phillips
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 30 ult just received. I will want you here between the 17th and 20th of July. Please do not make any long engagements after the 12th, and I will let you know as long before hand as possible the exact time I want you. I am now putting on third floor timbers, and hope to have brick work on next story begin within a day or two from now. I am sorry to hear of your sickness, and trust you will have good health the balance of the season.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

July 3   4

My Dear Eddie,

Your favor of 30 ult rec'd yesterday. Please say to Mr. Smith that I will want him about the 25th of this month — cannot tell exactly, as it is uncertain how rapidly the brick work will progress. I will pay him 2.00 per day, out of which he will pay board and travelling expenses. Board can be had for 3.00 to 3.50 per week. If he proves to be worth more than that, I will increase his wages. I need not write Mr. Smith if you will have the kindness to state what I have written you, when you first see him. Have your father and mother gone north yet? We expected a call from them, and still hope to see them if they have not gone. What are your plans for the future? Are you going to run for office? Do you still like to live in Selma? A long letter from you with particulars would be highly appreciated. Mrs. Steward joins me in love to you and all the family.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. V2611
FISK UNIV.

July 3 4

Dear Bro. Weakley:

Please send me 20 pcs. 7½ x 12½ x 20. This stuff and the 2 x 8 scantling ordered this week, I want immediately. Am afraid my work will be delayed for want of them.

Yours truly
T. G. Steward.

July 7 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed Jubilee Hall Financial Statements for months of May and June. Weather good, and work on the building is progressing at a fair rate.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

July 7 4

Mr. Samuel Phillips.
Montgomery Ala.
Dear Sir.

My work on Jubilee Hall is in such shape that I want you right away, and wish you to come as early as possible next week. Please write me just what day you will leave home.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

P.S.
You will need all your tools

ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

July 7 4

Dear Bro Wesley.

Am just in receipt of Invoice for car of one inch lumber shipped on 6 inst. You do not mention my orders of last week for 175 pcs. 3 x 8 x 11 and 75 pcs 2½ x 12 x 30. I want these two kinds right away or my brick work will have to stop. Send the 2 x 4 x 12 and 2 x 4 x 16 – about one half car loads – and one inch boards – clear stuff, as soon as possible. Have these orders been received? Please acknowledge receipt of bills promptly, so I will know what to depend upon.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

NO. A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

July 7 "

S. D. Hatch.

Dear Sir.

Please hurry up the Roof plans, as my work will be delayed. I see by the Photograph of building you have raised the roof in the middle of each side, 8 inches, to correspond with projection in brick wall. Is this offset in the roof necessary? Why not on each side of the large gable at that point, increase the width of gutter 8"? Please send detail of roof at the point named. What material should be used for valleys in roof — tin, zinc, or galvanized iron? You promised further drawings of the large gables, showing the cut stone work. These have not been received, and are wanted now. Plans already here do not agree as to the amount of stone to be used. Please send me address of Mr. Blake, Manufacturer of Heating apparatus.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Stewart

July 7 '74

Chas L. Jenks. Secy.
Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

Your favor of June 30th enclosing Receipts, and check for $16 – rec'd. I want window frames so constructed that they will hold themselves together, and bear some weight, without having to be "bricked in". Some of the back linings to the frames sent in last lot were so narrow, there was no chance to nail them, and others spliced in such a way as to add no strength. Had I thought the job first class, I should not have written you in relation to it. In my judgement it was not as it should be, and Mr Shaffer agreed with me in every particular. I trust the balance of the work will be right.

At what price per car can you furnish best quality sawed shingles – well ripped and pine laths at least 3/8 thick? How many thousand of each can be put in a car?

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

July 7 4

Mr. E. D. W. Patrick
Henry Station Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 1st inst is received. I enclose herewith a letter for you from your brother, the only one I have seen in the mail for you. There was no money in it. The amount necessary to balance your account with the University at the close of school, was $16.80. This sum was appropriated from Donation Fund, and applied to your a/c, but if you can refund all of it, or any part of it, you will do credit to yourself, and be the means of helping other needy and worthy students. I am glad you are having success in teaching, and trust you may continue well. Prof. Spence is there at present, but I do not know how long he expects to remain. I will send you the addresses of the other teachers as soon as I get them.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. ____
FISK UNIV.

July 7 4

Dear Bro. White:—

Your very kind letter of 25 June was duly read. We are very glad to know you are improving so rapidly. I trust you will soon feel well enough to visit us in Nashville. Holmes & Rutling occupied a room in the University, and took meals here a portion of the time until about ten days ago—Are now in the country a few miles. Last week Rutling was here, and I asked him what their plans were for the future. He said they expected to attend school in Fisk next year. This is all I have heard them say. Heard nothing of Maggie or Jennie before they went to Detroit. The former grunted disapprovingly several times while Holmes was speaking in Chapel last night of Com. as I was told afterward. It was very unfortunate that Holmes speech was not printed in the Banner. It might have been published at the time, and would have done much good. I suppose you have heard from Ella since she reached Boston. Georgia and Minnie are in the city—I see them frequently. I like their appearance and think they have made a good impression in this community.

Work on Jubilee Hall is progressing reasonably fast. I want you to come and see for yourself, and yet I fear you will be disappointed after seeing so many fine looking and substantial structures in the north and in Europe. It will not do to compare Jubilee Hall with buildings at the north where a different class of mechanics are employed and different prices are paid for the various kinds of work. The brick work for instance - is substantial, as good as anything in Nashville, but does not compare with that done in Phil'a or New York for twice as much per M. I am taking great pains and yet there will be many mistakes. The 2d story brick work is completed, the floor timbers above half on, and the third story brick work commenced. I have had some trouble to get good carpenters, tho' the work has not fallen behind any on this account. Mr. Hall of Marion Ala. has been with me over a year, and I do not see how I could have got along without him. He is cheaper at four dollars per day than the men I have found here at two dollars, both in the quality of his work, and the amt. he can do. Last week I succeeded in getting two northern men, but do not know how well I shall like their work. Have sent to Montgomery for Mrs. Phillips, and to Selma for Deacon Smith. The former is expected next week and the other soon.

There are now two or three questions to be settled. Shall the roof be of shingles at a cost of about $8.00 per square, or of slate for $11.00 I doubt whether slate will do well where the wind blows so strongly, and yet the risk from fire from a chimney burning out is not so great as it would be with shingle roof. This must be decided within two weeks, and after hearing Bro. Cravaths views you will be able to vote. I rather favor shingles all things considered. Then again shall the plastering be done by the day or let by contract? The first plan may cost a little more but we can probably get the best job in that way. This must also be decided so the sand can be secured while the river is low. I have written Bro. Cravath about these things, and have several times talked with him about them. They need not cause you trouble, and I trust the mention of them now will not worry you. I am glad you are near enough so I can consult you in regard to matters in the building. I have said for some time, and still feel sure that $70000 will not finish and furnish Jubilee.

Hall, and fence, grade, and ornament the square.
It seems to me hardly fair that the last two
lots of land purchased should be paid for out
of the money you made. With the $12,000 00
used, the building now under way, with the
lot on which it stands, can be made complete
in every way, and a small balance probably
left. I have just commenced the fence — or stone
wall — that will cost very little less than $2500.
although I shall use all the stone on the lot
and get the rest as cheaply as possible. I
have had a survey made and am starting
the wall so that when the street is graded
it will not be undermined. Hatch has not
yet completed the roof plans, so I can't
Estimate its cost. The proper finishing up of
so large a building costs generally more
than is estimated. I suppose you and Bro.
Cravath are to be together much of the
time this summer, and I shall hope to
hear from you both very often.

Yours truly T. C. Steward

July 8 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I enclose herewith Fisk University Financial Statement for month of May.

Yours Truly T. C. Steward

July 10 . 4

Mr. J. F. Maynard.
Tullahoma Tenn.

Sir,

I would like to get a few bushels of blackberries and huckleberries if they can be purchased at a fair price so that it will pay to ship them by express. Can you find boys and girls in town who would like employment in picking berries, and at what price per gallon will you deliver them at the express office? Miss Hattie Kimbro referred me to you.

Yours Resp'y,
T. C. Steward

July 15 — 74

Mr. C. G. Woodruff.
Agent So. Ex Co.
Tullahoma Tenn.

Sir.

I have written parties in your town enquiring the price of blackberries and huckleberries, and asking if they will engage in furnishing them at your office for shipments of said market. I have made an arrangement with the Company to ship them to Nashville provided I can bring them at a price that will justify me in bringing them so far. The berry crop is almost a failure in this vicinity on account of the continued dry weather. Perhaps you know of some person or persons wanting employment, and if so you will do me a favor by calling attention to this

Yours Resply
T. C. Stewart.

I have written J. H. Maynard and Rhodes Blanton.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

July 10 "

J. E. Hopkins.
Bolivar Tenn.

Sir.

I am told that teachers are wanted for the colored schools in your County. I can send you two or three young ladies well recommended from this Institution, if you can give them employment in the public schools. Please write me, and if they are wanted, state what wages you will pay them, & when you wish the schools to open &c.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

July 18 4

Mr. Thalius Blanton.
Tullahoma Tenn.

Sir.

I am told by Miss Hattie Kimbro who was teaching school quite recently in your town, that there is a large crop of Blackberries and Huckleberries in your neighborhood. We wish to get a few bushels for winter use in our Boarding department, provided they can be furnished at the depot in your place at a reasonable price. Miss Kimbro thought they (blackberries) were selling for 10^{c} per gallon, and huckleberries for 20^{c} per gallon. At what price per gallon will you engage to deliver them at the Express Office for (and I will send you baskets)? Please write me immediately in relation to it.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

July 11 4

Dear Bro. Wealey:

My brick work has stopped entirely, and the contractor has moved his whole force to another part of the city, because I have not timber to complete third tier of joists. I do not understand why my bills are not filled and shipped. And you have not even written me whether they are recd. I cannot have my work delayed in this way. If the 2 × 8 and 2½ × 12½ × 30 stuff has not yet been shipped, and cannot be at once, please write me to that effect.

Yours truly

T. G. Steward

July 13

Mr. J. T. Maynard.
Tullahoma Tenn.

Sir,

Your favor of this date rec'd. I am obliged for your kind offer. Mr. Blanton writes me he can furnish blackberries for 10c per gallon, and I will send one dozen baskets on the down train tomorrow morning to be filled and returned by Express on Wednesday morning. I will pay charges here - have arranged with Capt. Thatcher in relation to it. If you see good berries in town tomorrow evening late, or Wednesday morning early, and can fill part of the baskets, I shall be glad to patronize you.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Stewart.

P.S.
Cloths for covers can be found in the bottom basket.

July 13 4

Mr. T. W. J. Blanton
Tullahoma Tenn.

Sir.

Your favor of this date is received. I will send on the down train tomorrow morning. one dozen wooden baskets with cloths and cords to cover them with. Please fill all of the baskets and return them on Wednesday morning by Express. I will pay the expressage on them here. The blackberries will be better if picked the morning of the day you ship them. Can you not start the pickers out about four oclock in the morning, and have the baskets filled by the time the train passes up for Nashville? But I leave you to arrange that matter. We want good berries and fresh picked, for which we will pay the price you have stated — 10c per gallon for blackberries and 20c per gallon for huckleberries. Can pay you every day if you desire.

Yours Resp'y
T. B. Stewart.

July 16 4

Mr. J. F. Maynard
Chattanooga Tenn

Dear Sir:

Yours favor of 15 inst. enclosing bill for berries shipped me, is rec'd. Those in the ½ bbl and one basket from you had been picked so long they were spoiled entirely and could be used for nothing. All the rest were good. I return the baskets this morning. Please fill _all_ with _blackberries_, and do not send any the baskets full. The berries _must_ be fresh picked. Can you send us five or eight lbs _nice_ butter cheap? We want only what is fresh made and good. Please send baskets of berries tomorrow if possible.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

July 16 4

Miss Alice Pratt.
Montgomery Ala.
Madam.

Your favor of 9th inst is received. You can send money by Bank draft - which can be had at the Bank of Al. [illegible] - or by P.O. money order. You will find my address at the head of this sheet.

Yours truly
F. C. Stewart

July 16 11

Mr. Sam. Falkner
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 14 inst in relation to painting, is received. Our building is not yet enclosed, and will not be for some time. When there is painting to be done, should there be an opening for you, I will write you.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

R. H. Crowder.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] pine ct. So. Washi[illegible]

[illegible] you applied for the latter part of pine, and placed the same to credit of Mary Mary Butler. She is still owing the House of D.W. and I want you to call and see this right away so that her affair may be closed.

Yours truly

July 16 4

R. B. Kyle
Gadsden Ala.
Dear Sir.

Please send me right away, one car load 2 x 4 x 16 ft good. Can you cut me some 20 000 ft feet good stuff on short notice?

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

July 17. 4

R. N. Countee.
Memphis Tenn.
169 Beal St.

Dear Sir.

I have received from the Postmaster here, $10.00 on the duplicate money order you applied for the latter part of June, and placed the same to credit of Miss Mary Burton. She is still owing the University $13.70 and I trust you will send this right away so that her a/c may be closed.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

July 17 4

Mrs. Maria Reid.
Glenmore Miss.

Madam.

Just before your daughters left Nashville for home, they handed me a letter from you of May 20, in which you say that in addition to the money sent to pay their expenses in the University, you had sent $40. for travelling expenses home, and that if this money did not get here in time, if I would let the girls have $30. to go home with, I would take my pay out of the $40. when it comes.

I advanced the money to Laura & Emma but have heard nothing of the money you sent. They are owing $30.25 and I hope you will send it immediately.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

July 17 "

Mrs. Mary A. Porter.
Caledonia Ill.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of May 26 was duly received. I know the times are hard and that money is scarce, and this is just why I am obliged to call upon those who are owing the University to pay up promptly. We are largely in debt and unless these balances are paid soon it will be difficult for us to open school the first of Sept. Please try and send me five dollars each month until the balance on your account — $22.50 — is paid. It will help us very much.

Yours truly [illegible]

July 17 4

Mrs. Maria Hinds.
Glencoe Miss.

Madam.

Just before your daughters left Nashville for home, they handed me a letter from you of May 20, in which you say that in addition to the money sent to pay their expenses in the University, you had sent $40. for travelling expenses home, and that if this money did not get here in time, if I would let the girls have $30. to go home with, I would take my pay out of the $40. when it came. I advanced the money to Laura & Emma but have heard nothing of the money you sent. They are owing $30.25 and I hope you will send it *immediately*.

Yours Resp'y G. C. Stevens

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

July 17 "

Mrs. Mary A. Porter.
Caledonia Ill.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of May 26 was duly received. I know the times are hard and that money is scarce, and this is just why I am obliged to call upon those who are owing the University to pay up promptly. We are largely in debt and unless these balances are paid soon, it will be difficult for us to open school the first of Sept. Please try and send me five dollars a month until the balance on your son's account — $22.70 — is paid. It will help us very much.

Yours truly, F. C. Hurd

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

" [illegible] July 17 "

Mr. Nelson Wheeler
Monticello Miss.

Dear Sir:

I am glad you are succeeding so well in your work. I have received neither letter nor money for you since you went away. You will find I [illegible] the amount you owe [illegible]. The University is much in need of all that is due, and if [illegible] friends will not be slow in making their obligations prompt. Mrs Raymond [illegible] N.H. Miss Wells [illegible] Waverly N.Y. We will see what can be found in the line of books and papers and send you some.

Yours truly T. C. Steward

July 17

Rev. E. [illegible]
[illegible]

Your favor of 9th inst
is received. I am glad to know you succeeded
so well in [illegible]. Please bear in mind
that the amount you [illegible] the [illegible]
is counted [illegible] and that I had a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and we [illegible]
[illegible] away. [illegible]
[illegible]

July 7

Mr. Alfred Cannon
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I am surprised that you do not send the money to pay balance due the University for board and tuition of your son George, and also the money he borrowed of me to go home with. The whole amount due this institution is $20.92 and you certainly should make an effort to send the money. Truly it has been given you.

Yours Respectfully,
G. Steward.

July 17 4

Mr. W. H. Spencer.
Pine Bluff Ark.

Dear Sir:

I send you by this mail "The Nineteenth Century" [illegible] you will receive it in good order [illegible] that you [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] will do well [illegible]

July 17.

Mrs. Dempsie Drummond.
Pulaski Tenn.

Madam.

I send herewith a statement of Minnie's account showing every item she was charged for while here, and also the amounts you paid for her. If she was told anything in relation to her account by any one excepting Mrs. Maxwell or myself, I was not responsible for it. By inquiring at the office at any time, correct information could have been obtained. If she did ask about her a/c. and misunderstood what was told her, I am sorry for it. I trust you will send the balance $22.90, right away, so that her a/c may be settled. The Institution needs the money very much.

Yours Respy
T. E. Maxwell

Miss Minnie Batts in a/c with
Fisk University Dr.

To Board Nov. 11 to May 29	72 75
Tuition 3 terms	7
Music 26 lessons	13
Books	3 30
Cash	25
	96 30

Cr.

Nov.	11	By Cash	1
	28	"	12
Feb.	9	"	9
Mch.	11	"	12
	28	"	4
Apr.	10	"	5
	16	"	5 25
	21	"	9
May	8	"	3
	11	"	2 10
	28	"	5
			73 40

Balance due the University 22 90

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July 17 4

Mr. J. F. Maynard.
Tullahoma Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of this date rec'd. We received 5 baskets blackberries and 3 baskets huckleberries besides your large tub. Please do not send *any more* *huckleberries* — we have all of them we want. Send hereafter only *blackberries*, and only in the baskets we send you. Please use a little more care & have only *fresh picked* berries. Some of those shipped today were almost spoiled. If you can fill the 8 baskets that I send you in the morning, with blackberries that are picked Monday morning, and ship them that day we should like it. *Do not* send us any picked Saturday or Sunday.
I will remit tomorrow for all sent this week.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

July 18 [illegible]

Miss M. E. Kirk
Cave in Rock Ill.

Madam.

Your letter of 10 inst enclosing 7.50 to settle your account for board &c — is received. Please accept thanks for your promptness. I hope you will succeed in getting a school. I give here the name and address of the County Supt. of Dyer Co. Tenn.

H. Parks Sr.
Newberne Dyer Co Tenn

Do you expect to return to the University when school opens in Sept?

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

July 18 4

Miss Livia Saddler.
Bolivar Tenn.
Madam.

I enclose herewith the letter you left with Mrs. Steward the morning you called at the University to see about some of the young ladies going out with you to teach. I intended to see you that day, but did not succeed, and the following day I learned you had left the city. I should like to hear from you and know how you succeeded in your undertaking. If you know of any other public schools in your County where teachers are wanted, and the pay is sure, please do me the kindness to write of them at once. Miss Mickle would like to get a school for four or six months, and I am sure she will give satisfaction. Please let me hear from you.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

July 20 4

Mr. J. F. Maynard.
Allatoona Geo.
Dear Sir.

I send you this morning another lot of baskets, and want all these and those forwarded last week filled with blackberries. I have written twice before this that we wanted no more huckleberries, and yet they were sent. Mr. Bennett did not want those shipped Saturday. If he wants fruit please ship directly to him, then we will understand just what we have to do. Now if you will do me the kindness not to send any more huckleberries, I will be obliged. We shall want a large lot of blackberries yet, if they are nice and fresh, and hold out good measure.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

July 28 4

Chas. L. Jencks. Treas.
Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

I have sent you this day by Express, the plans from which you made frames for three stories of Jubilee Hall. I wish you to make frames for fourth or roof story as soon as possible. I shall probably want them here in three weeks from this date. Please do not ship them until you notify me that they are ready, so that if I need any other material at the time you can send in same car. Make the frames according to the drawings, with square heads [illegible] They are to be box frames, and have same style of mouldings as the other frames.

Yours Truly

T. C. Stewart.

July 21 4

My Dear Eddie.

Please tell Deacon Smith I am ready for him, and hope he will reach here this week. I will write by this mail to Curtis Garrett of Marion to know if he will come also. I will state to him that Mrs. Smith is coming, and to let him know so that they can come together if possible. Will you have the kindness to write Curtis telling him what day Mrs. Smith will start for Nashville? Also please let me know just when she will come, so I can arrange accordingly.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

P. S.

We rec'd your long letter giving particulars, and promise you one as long sometime before the next falling of leaves.

T. C. S.

July 21 '71

Mr. Curtis Garrott.
Marion Ala.

Dear Bro.

If you wish to get work in Nashville, I will now give you employment at $2.50 per day for all the time you make, out of which you will have to pay board and the expences of travelling. I can furnish you work from now until next May if you want it. Mr. Smith of Selma is coming to work for me, and will start from home this week or next. If you will write Mr. E.C. Silsby just what day you will start from Marion — provided it is within a short time — Mr. Smith will probably wait for you, and it will be pleasanter travelling for you both. Please write me at once whether or not you will come. See Crawford and find out when he expects to come if at all.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

July 22 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
56 Reade St. New York

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed the Financial Statement, Fisk University, for month of June.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

FISK UNIV. ARCHIVES NO.

July 24 4.

Rev. E.M. Cravath.
Gray Minn.

Dear Bro.

Yours favors of 9th and 15 rec'd. I will attend to matters relating to this property as soon as Lawrence and Berry can be seen. Several parties have spoken to me about Fort Houston, and after surveying it and establishing corners, I will price it at $10000 though I feel sure this is much more than can be realized for it at present. I wrote Dr. Phillips about his home place, and have rec'd a reply from him that he will sell to us for $6000 on such time as will be satisfactory. After stating what the property has cost him in work and money, he adds — "I feel prepared to suffer that amount of loss, and will be able if I sell for the amount stated, to forget all that I have deemed wrong in the past." After having seen the property you will be able to advise me what to do, if anything further is to be done. From what you say of the work on Jubilee Hall, you seem to be under the impression that the new building is not going forward at a very rapid rate. It is true the brick contractor is not working a large force all the time, and now and then he stops altogether, because the cut stone can not be put on as fast as a dozen men can lay brick. I am superintending the work every day in person, and know that the stone trimmings are being put on as fast as the work can be done well, and further that the squad of men doing this part of the work have not lost a day since you were here last, excepting for rain, and we have had very little of that this season. One other exception — the day our little boy was buried, I suspended all kinds of work on the building, feeling sure that neither yourself or Mr. White would object to this. The second story brick and stone work fully completed, third story timbers all on, brick work for that story up to the windows, and sill course on two thirds the way around and from the north west corner across north end and along east side to cornice stone, the brick work is up to lintel course, and this course of stone and all window hoods

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out. There was no delay at the last tier of joists and will be none at the next. I have a force of carpenters strong enough to keep up with the brick and stone men and do other work besides. Mr. Saml Phillips of Montgomery came last week and began work — on Saturday evening rec'd telegram that his mother was dangerously ill, went home Monday morning; and writes that his mother died Saturday night. His wife is now sick but he intends to return as soon as possible. I expect other reinforcements within ten days. Have spent some time posting myself on contractors for plastering, and what they know about the business. There is some good work, and a "heap that is mighty sorry". If the contract for Jubilee Hall is awarded to the lowest bidder, we will get some of the poorer quality. The best man here is said to be the highest priced, though I have no bids yet. The roof will be made of the best quality white pine shingles — as you prefer wood to other material — and I will order them right away.

Phillips & Buckley of this city as Bro. White is acquainted with them — I have made the lowest bid on gutter and tin work, and are probably the best parties to do it. I have received one proposal from parties in New York for heating apparatus, and will soon hear from Mr. Blake. When this is in, the contract is let for plastering, shingles purchased, the balance of the lumber on the ground &c. &c., something of an estimate can be made as to the cost of this building. If the building has got to be completed and all improvements made on Jubilee Square for $7000, we may as well stop work now. I have the ditch for fence, dug on three sides of the lot, and shall push this work in connection with the building so as to be ready for setting shade trees in Nov.

I am glad you are so pleasantly situated for rest(?) and rejoiced to know that Bro. White is improving so rapidly.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

July 24 . 4

S. D. Hatch.
New York.

Dear Sir.

"What is your plan for giving the water gutter the necessary fall towards point where conductors will be located? You spoke of making some changes in the tower. Do you propose to do this? I have no detail working drawings of this as yet-please send them. When in New York the last time, I called your attention to the fact, that the elevations on 1/8 inch scale, and large plans do not agree on the matter of cut stone work under the large dormers. You admitted it at the time, and now claim that they do agree. If you will tell me which plan to follow in putting up the stone work, I ask no more on that point.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

July 24 4

Dear Bro. Wesley,

If you can cut and ship the following bill of lumber, so that the last of it will be on the way to Nashville by Aug. 4, you may begin on it, otherwise let me know and I will get it elsewhere. I must not be disappointed on this lot of lumber, and you will do me a kindness by writing immediately on receipt of this what you can do. This stuff must all be straight as it is for the roof, and all good.

36	pcs.	4 ×	12 ×	20	Hips & valley rafters
170	"	2 ×	8 ×	26	Rafters
24	"	4 ×	11 ×	18	Plates
120	"	2 ×	12 ×	20	Purlins
560	"	1½ ×	10 ×	20	Braces — full thickness
240	"	2 ×	8 ×	12	"
600	"	2 ×	6 ×	12	Studs

Two cars loaded with 8 × 8 × 11 — 2½ × 12½ × 20 — 2 × 4 × 16 — and one inch boards, arrived. A considerable portion of this stuff is now in place in the building.

Yours truly

T. C. Ste

July 24 4

S. D. Hatch.

Dear Sir.

Do the window frames in large dormers have same reveal in the brick work – viz 2½ inches – as the frames in the stories below? There is nothing on your drawings to show this, and as the brick wall projects 4" above the third story hoods, I did not know but you intended to have the frames stand over those below, and give wider reveal.

Yours Respy

T. C. Steward.

July 25 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Secy Mission.

Dear Bro.

We are very sorry Miss Cooley is not coming here next year as Matron. I suppose of course it will all work out right but we can't help feeling anxious sometimes. As in the case of Miss Cooley, those who are well fitted for the place will not take it. You refer to a woman of experience that can be secured, and then ask if I know of any one, or any arrangements different from those we talked of over in June. I can't think what arrangements you have reference to, and have no one in mind who would do well in such a place. Who is the woman you speak of? Mrs. Stewart is doing all she can to get things in good shape for next year, though the prospect is poor for having a supply of fruit. Very few berries in this region on account of the dry weather. We inquired in all directions for fruit, and when the season was near, we succeeded in making an arrangement with parties at [illegible] which about 150 cans of blackberries and huckleberries were secured. The next effort will be for peaches and apples, and possibly enough of these can be had to make up for the others. We are doing very little repairing but giving the old buildings as thorough a cleansing as possible. I trust the new Matron will be here early — at least three weeks before the opening of school.

The Treas. Report shows a balance borrowed of $1714.50. Of this $716.00 is trust fund. I borrowed from Jubilee fund a sufficient amt. to pay all indebtedness, so there is not a dollar of debt outside the Institution. The amount owed the University by students on last years ac, is $1410.00. I send herewith a Catalogue with amts. marked opposite the names of debtors. You see from this that if the "Pay as you go" rule were strictly enforced, it would not "play such sad havoc with those who have struggled for years to get into the College course, at great expense for salaries of Professors, &c. &c." — as one might suppose. If you will sustain me in enforcing the rules laid down in our new Catalogue, there will be a different showing next year.

If all dues had been paid promptly, the deficit would have been [illegible] at the close of year only $544.45 notwithstanding the fact that there were extraordinary demands upon us beginning last year. I paid for

Moving and cleaning piano —	12.5.
Printing Catalogues & Circular —	12.4.
Bennett for traveling	71.20
Fitting up the chapel	233.
Getting together & putting up new desks	$80.
	631.20

and for furniture in excess of last year $47. besides an unusual amount of repairing — about $100 worth. The expenses this year cannot go beyond $300.

So we were in debt at the close of the year, of course we are deeper now, as very little has been paid in. I give these facts, and should be glad to have instructions from you so that in future a safer policy may be followed. Please write me as soon as convenient.

Yours truly F. G. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

If all dues had been paid promptly, the Institution would have been in debt at the close of May only $544.45 notwithstanding the fact that there were extraordinary demands upon our treasury last year. I paid for

Moving and cleaning pianos — 123.
Printing Catalogues & Colored schools — 124.
71.20
Bennett for travelling — 233.
Fitting up the chapel — 80.
Putting together & setting up new desks $631.20

and for furniture in excess of last year $474. besides an unusual amount of repairing — about $1045 — worth. The repairs this year must not go beyond $300.

As we were in debt at the close of the year, of course we are deeper now, as very little has been paid in. I give these facts, and should be glad to have instructions from you so that in future a safer policy may be followed. Please write me as soon as convenient.

Yours truly T. C. Steward.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO._____ FISK UNIV.

July 27 4

Mr. Laurel Phillips.
Montgomery Ala.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 24 inst. was rec'd yesterday. Yours to Mrs. Hall came last week. [illegible] among your family has been sick. I send herewith a check for $10.00 to pay expenses to Nashville, and you can refund it when you get to work again. I cannot wait for you to [illegible] that meeting & come here over just as soon as you get out of Court, please come without delay. Work is most pressing.

Yours truly
F. G. Stewart

P.S. [illegible]
Rising [illegible] entering [illegible]

If all dues had been paid promptly, the Institution would have been in debt at the close of May only $544.45 notwithstanding the fact that there were extraordinary demands upon our treasury last year. I paid for

Moving and cleaning privies	123.
Printing Catalogues & Colored Schools	124.
	71.20
Bennett for travelling	233.
Fitting up the chapel	
Putting together & setting up new desks	80.
	$631.20

[illegible] for furniture in excess of last year $474. besides an unusual amount of repairing — about $1045 — worth. The repairs this year must not go beyond $300.

As we were in debt at the close of the year, of course we are deeper now, as very little has been paid in. I give these facts, and should be glad to have instructions from you so that in future a safer policy may be followed. Please write me as soon as convenient.

Yours truly T. C. Steward.

Z.A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

July 27 4

Mr. Samuel Phillips.
Montgomery Ala.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 24 inst was rec'd yesterday. Yours to Mr. Hall came last week. I imagine some of your family has been sick. I send herewith a check for $10 to pay expenses to Nashville, and you can refund it when you get to work again. I cannot wait for you [illegible] to come here on. Just as soon as you get out of Court, please come without delay. Work is most pressing.

Yours truly
T. C. Stewart

P.S.
Bring [illegible] with you.

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A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIVERSITY

July 27 4

Mr. Charles Parker.
Marion Ala.

Dear Bro.

If you want work here on Jubilee Hall, I will now give you a job at $2.25 and you pay expenses of board traveling &c. A few days will be lost in rainy weather until the roof is on, then the work can go on without delay. If Hannibal Davis wishes to come at $2.00 per day, bring him with you. I wrote Bro. Garrott last week to come on, and hope he will do so. Crawford wrote some weeks ago that he would come about the first of Aug. If all of you can come at the same time it will be pleasanter. I can give you employment for three or four months at least. Write me at once what you will do.

Yours truly

S. C. Stewart

July 27 4

My Dear Elder.

Your favor of 25 inst just rec'd. I can use Mr. Smith to good advantage right away — in other words I am needing him, and hope he will come this week if possible. Of course if prevented by sickness, he is excusable. My work is in such shape now it must be pushed with all possible haste. Please bear this in mind when you confer with the Deacon. I hope Curtis will come.

Yours truly

T. G. Steward.

July 27 4

Miss Alice Pratt.
Montgomery Ala.

Madam.

Your favor of 20inst with check for $75.00 on land purchased of me two years ago - is received. This letter will be your receipt for the same. I trust the balance will be paid soon.

Yours truly
G. C. Steward.

July 23 '11

Dear Mr. Hartley; I want by first car shipped:

6 pcs. 8 × 10 × 20
and with the bill I ordered last

27 pcs. 2½ × 16 × 20 stair risers
27 " 2¼ × 16 × 24 "

20 " 6 × 12 × 18
4 " 6 × 12 × 22

The timber for stairs must be of a quality that will not spring in seasoning, and free from checks and shakes — good heart stuff. I hope the whole bill will be on hand at the time designated.

Yours truly T. C. Seward.

July 28 4

Dear Bro. Wesley:

I want by first car shipped.

6 pcs. 8 x 10 x 20

and with the bill I ordered last

7 pcs. 2½ x 16 x 20 Stair horses

27 " 2½ x 16 x 24 " "

30 " 6 x 12 x 18

4 " 6 x 12 x 23

The timber for stairs must be of a quality that will not spring in seasoning, and free from checks and knots — good heart stuff. I hope the whole bill will be on hand at the time designated.

Yours truly
T. G. Steward.

July 29 *

R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Fla.

Dear Sir,

I want the following bill of lumber as soon as it can be cut and shipped.

No. 1	36	pcs.	4	x	12	x	20
2	170	"	2	x	8	x	25
3	24	"	4	x	11	x	18
4	120	"	2	x	12	x	20
5	580	"	1¼	x	10	x	20
6	240	"	2	x	8	x	12
7	600	"	2	x	6	x	12
8	6	"	8	x	10	x	20
9	7	"	2¼	x	16	x	20
10	27	"	2½	x	16	x	24
11	20	"	6	x	12	x	18
12	4	"	6	x	12	x	23

Please send me Nos 8-11-12 on this bill first and the balance at the earliest practicable day. Every thing not strictly first clear, will be rejected. Ackn. receipt of bill.

Yours
Respy T. B. Simms

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July 29 4

R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir,

I want the following bill of lumber as soon as it can be cut and shipped.

No. 1 | 36 pcs. 4 x 12 x 30
2 | 170 " 2 x 8 x 25
3 | 24 " 4 x 11 x 18
4 | 120 " 2 x 12 x 20
5 | 560 " 1¼ x 10 x 20
6 | 240 " 2 x 8 x 12
7 | 600 " 2 x 6 x 12
8 | 6 " 8 x 10 x 20
9 | 7 " 2½ x 16 x 30
10 | 27 " 2½ x 16 x 24
11 | 30 " 6 x 12 x 18
12 | 4 " 6 x 12 x 23

Please send me No's 8 - 11 - 12 on this bill _first_, and the balance at the earliest practicable day. Everything not strictly _first_ _class_, will be rejected. Ack. receipt of bill.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Stewart

July 29 4

Mr. Carter Garrott.
Marion Ala.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of 20-inst is received. On Friday or Saturday of this week I expect to begin putting on third story joists, and may need you and Crawford, and Parks if he is coming, early next week. Can you not leave home Monday or Tuesday next? I have written Mr. Smith, and hope he will be ready to come as soon as that. Send your tool chests two or three days before you start, and they will get here in time by freight. You will need all your tools.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

July 29 4

Mr. Stephen Childs.
Marion Ala.

Dear Bro.

In a letter from you to Pattie received today, you repeat what has often been written during the last year by our friends in Alabama, that the times are very hard, and work of all kinds scarce. I have a large amount of work to be done on the building now under way, and as far as possible desire to help my friends. If there was anything to be done in the way of boot making, I should ask you to come on at once, for I know you are a good workman in that trade. To do my work, a man must be familiar with carpenters tools. There is other work to be done, but of course it does not pay as well. Now if you will tell me what you can do, and what wages would pay you to come here for a job of three or four months, and perhaps longer, I will see what can be done for you. Do you know of a good man who understands cooking? We want such an one in the University and will pay good wages. Where is Charlie Woods? Kind regards to all your family.

Yours truly T. C. Steward

July 29 4

Miss D. E. Emerson.
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Friend.

Your favor of 20th inst rec'd this day. During the school year I borrowed what was necessary from the "Reserve Fund", which was made up of "Peabody and Donation" money not appropriated, and funds belonging to student boarders not needed by them at the time. At the close of school, money belonging to students had to be refunded, and as portions of the other funds named were used to help needy students, the "Reserve" was cut down to nearly $700. The balance needed to pay all bills owed by the University, was borrowed from Jubilee Fund. As the expenditures for June exceeded the receipts from old claims, still more had to be borrowed from same source. I have written Mr. Cravath recently, giving him such facts and figures as will enable him to clearly understand our financial condition. The amt. owed by student boarders for last year is over $1200. I leave you to answer the question how our own borrowed money is to be paid.

Yours Truly

July 27 '4

Mr Dudley Smith.
Selma Ala.

Dear Sir.

If you are coming to Nashville to work on Jubilee Hall, I hope it will be convenient for you to come early next week. On Friday or Saturday of this week I expect to begin putting on third story joists, and then will need a large force. Unless you and others whom I expect from abroad can come in time, I shall be under the necessity of supplying the places with carpenters in this city, as the work _must_ _go on_. I have written Curtis Garrett to come early next week, and trust he will be able to do so.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

A.M.A. ARCHIVES No. FISK UNIV.

July 31 4

J. F. Maynard
Tullahoma Tenn.

Dear Sir.

On the 21 inst I got a Money order for $\$11^{45}$ payable to your order, to pay for berries shipped previous to that date. You wrote me then to wait until all the fruit was sent before remitting. I have done so, and as the Money order will have to go to its destination to be paid, I have procured another for $\$5^{80}$ and herewith enclose both — the amount of your bill $\$17^{25}$. For the reasons above stated I cannot comply with your request to pay Cowan & Co. of this city. I trust this will be satisfactory to you. I send your bill which you will please receipt and return.

What is the prospect for other fruits in your vicinity — apples, peaches, pears, plums &c. — and what are the prices?

Yours Respy.

T. C. Steward

Aug. 1 4

Rev. W. T. Weir.
Athens Ala.

Dear Sir.

I send you this day by Express, some drawings that may aid you in the construction of your Church. My work on Jubilee Hall is pressing me so closely just now, I have not the time to carry out all the plans for your building in detail. I trust that what is sent, will be of some service to you.

— I do not know what kind of foundation you intend to build — brick or stone — so I cannot estimate for that part of the work. Twenty five thousand (25.000) brick will build the house exclusive of foundation. I have made the walls of main building 16 inches or two brick thick, and for the recess in rear only 12 inches or one and a half brick thick. The gables above the ceiling need be but 12 inches thick. By raising the ceiling four feet in the center as shown in the drawing, you add much to the appearance and comfort of the room, and nothing to the cost, as by this plan you can construct a self supporting roof and ceiling without the use of heavy timber

I have built two of this style in Alabama, and therefore speak from experience. Before you begin work on the roof – provided you adopt this plan I will have some suggestions to offer, so you will please write me. I can probably assist you in making up bills for timber and other materials if you wish me to do so. I have made no provision for chimneys, as I do not know how you expect to heat the building. I would suggest however that you use a small furnace and place it under the floor. Such an one as you will need can be had at a cost of $70. or less, and by locating it as I have suggested you keep the audience room clear of all obstructions. The recess in rear to have a roof of same style as the main building only not so high of course. The inside may be finished as I have indicated, which will add to the appearance and convenience. The first platform four feet wide, is six inches above the main floor, and the pulpit platform is reached by two steps each six inches high, so that the speakers stand is but 18 inches above the floor of audience room. I have shown where the pulpit or desk should be, the style of same will be left to others to decide. Let me hear from you.

Yours Truly R. C. Stewart

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. ______ FISK UNIV.

Aug. 1 st

Mess. Blanchard & Borland
242 South Water St.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen:

McFarland & Co. of this city have referred me to you as reliable dealers in white pine shingles. I am constructing a building that will require at least 175 M. I want the best that can be found in the market of 16 inch sawed, full 5/8 thick. Please inform me at what price you can furnish them on the cars in your city, and how many can be put in a car. They can be sent here without break of bulk, you can ascertain by what route, by enquiring of Mess. Fay & Phillips Co. Clark & Lake Sts who are furnishing my windows, door frames, inside woodwork &c. I shall probably want a portion of the shingles shipped in a car with some work they are now doing, that will be ready in about ten days from date.

Very Respy T. G. Steward

Aug. 14

Mess. Blanchard & Borland
242 South Water St.
Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen,

McFarland & Co. of this city have referred me to you as reliable dealers in white pine shingles. I am constructing a building that will require at least 175 M. I want the best that can be found in the market of 16 inch sawed, full 3/8 thick. Please inform me at what price you can furnish them on the cars in your city, and how many can be put in a car. They can be sent here without break of bulk, you can ascertain by what route, by enquiring of Mess. Goss & Phillips Cor. Clark & 12th Sts who are furnishing my window & door frames, inside wood work &c. I shall probably want a portion of the shingles shipped in a car with some work they are now doing, that will be ready in about ten days from date.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

Aug. 3 4

Rev. E.M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 29 ult rec'd yesterday. What you said in a former letter about work on Jubilee Hall I did not take as a complaint, and I sincerely hope my reply did not lead you to think that I was displeased – not in the least, I only thought you had gained the impression in some way that the building was going up slowly. I note what you say about paint for a shingle roof. It had been suggested to me by the man who is doing our painting, that a fire proof paint could be put on, and I was intending to call your attention to it. Very soon after the brick work is completed, I want to commence work on the cisterns, so that as soon as the roof is completed & the conductors put up, they will be ready for use. Hatch says the best plan is to arch them with brick, supported by light iron girders. By this means the rooms above will be preserved from dampness. I am satisfied this will make the best job, and it will not be good economy to finish these cisterns in a

I am still hoping that the city will lay water pipe to Jubilee Hall before another winter. I am talking the matter up with influential men, and at the proper time a petition will be presented to the Council asking for an appropriation. It is possible, indeed quite probable – that in order to get a pipe out there as soon as we want it, it will be necessary to advance from $1000 to $1500 towards its purchase, and have the amount placed to our credit on our water tax. Don't you think we had [illegible] to the water power at that price? [illegible] be running in a few weeks, nearly to [illegible] Park this side of Jubilee Hall. Rev. White's lot is 198 feet on Salem St. by 440 ft. on Hermosa St. Just two acres, and cost $1050. By the way, another payment is due this month. I will see what day, and the exact amount and write you.

We enjoy reading of your good times in Minn. and rejoice in the hope that some time within [illegible] decades, we shall retire for a season [illegible] in the west, or a cottage by the [illegible] you expect to come here before returning [illegible] York? [illegible]

I am still hoping that the city will lay a water pipe to Jubilee Hall before another winter. I am talking the matter up with influential men, and at the proper time a petition will be presented to the Council asking for an appropriation. It is possible, indeed quite probable – that in order to get a pipe out there as soon as we want it, it will be necessary to advance from $400. to $500. towards its purchase, and have the amount placed to our credit on water tax. Don't you think we had better have the water even at that price? St. cars will be running in a few weeks, nearly to Watkins Park this side of Jubilee Hall. Bro. White's lot is 198 feet on Salem St. by 440 ft. on Hermosa St. Just two acres, and cost $1050. By the way, neither payment is due this month. We'll see what day, and the exact amt and write you.

We enjoy reading of your good times in Minn. and rejoice in the hope that some time within the next decade, we shall retire for a season to a granary in the west, or a cottage by the sea! Do you expect to come here before returning to New York?

Aug. 3 4

Miss D. E. Emerson

Dear Friend.

Please refer to the Plat of the land I purchased in Montgomery Ala. in vicinity of the Congregational Church, and see what price is marked on lot No. 8, and how much has been paid on this lot. The Mortgage for it that was lost sight of for a time, was found recently by Mr. McPherson and forwarded me.

Yours Truly.

T. C. Steward.

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Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 31 ult just rec'd. I will give you some figures that may help you to more correct conclusions than you seem to have reached by looking over the Catalogue sent.

Last year's indebtedness

	Old student	New students
College	8.70	
Sen. Prep.	98.85	
Middle "	19.25	
Jun. "	249.40	49.85
Class B.	342.80	45.80
" C.	49.	52.60
" D.	13.40	192.05
" E.		87.05
Primary	14.50	1213.90
Not in Catalogue	1.35	99.0
	$819.70	$600.85

Of the new students indebted to the institution, six are recommended and vouched for by others who have been here long, and were thought reliable. I give the list in detail

Lewis Reynolds	recommended	{ Alfred Reynolds	48.60
J. J. Ridley	"	" { Gabriel Ousley	57.10
			44.15
Benj Ousley	"	" " "	101.60
Sallie Joyner	"	" " "	88.95
Adaline Wilson	"	" Overton Bros.	1.00
Wm Taylor	"	" John B. Taylor	$288.70

It will be seen that old students owe — 809.70
And are responsible for $285.75
$1095.45

Balance against new students 314.60
Of this last amt fifteen new students who paid promptly most of the time, and received no aid while here, owed at close of school — 172.80
Seven of this number owed less than $6.00 each, and three others less than $10.00 each.
At the last teachers meeting $130.00 aid was voted to five young men. These with two others — five old and two new students — then owed the University $277.90 One of this number who was responsible for $197.10 & $42.80 that he owed, borrowed money in this city, stating to me that he intended to pay his indebtedness, and to his friend who helped him get the money, that it was to pay the funeral expenses of Sallie Joyner, as Mr. [illegible] had refused to do so. I was with you when this burial outfit was engaged by Mr. Chase, and when the bill

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as presented. I paid it without a word, and had no conversation with said young man in reference to the burial of this girl, until several days after you went away. The other six young men were loitering about the premises several days after school closed, claiming they had no money to pay board or go home with, but were willing to work. I got employment for them all at $1.00 per day each, with a man whom I considered reliable, provided they would go a short distance from the city. This they refused to do, and I then gave them work for Jubilee Hall, breaking stone, and fitted them out with hammers, boxes &c., agreed to pay them once a week or oftener, and let them occupy the rooms they were in here. They worked perhaps one third of the time for a few days, and when they demanded pay for 17 boxes at 30c per box, I found they had little more than 10 boxes. It then appeared that they were carrying on a system of fraud, by filling the boxes only a little over half full. I advised them to an honest course, and gave them an opportunity to work on. They did very little better, and I paid & discharged them all.

That is a specimen of my harshness. All you say in reference to the students and their parents, is true

And I agree with you that they should be treated with consideration. This has always been my feeling towards them, and I have acted accordingly. I do not however think that slackness is kindness. I believe in firmness and decision, and am sure my course has been consistent with this belief. The "some" who think me "harsh and severe" have an entirely different theory, and act as they think, and if their ideas were carried out in full in all departments of the work, the majority of our students would be of the same quality as the seven whose history I have given. In all my dealings with the students the past year, I have had no difficulty whatever with them, and do not anticipate any.

We should use every means to get new students but should care more for the quality than quantity. Mrs. Stewarts health is not good, but she is doing her best to accomplish what has been planned for vacation, and from present prospects she will succeed. I too, hope she is not overtaxing herself. I thank you for your advice and suggestions, and your promise of support. We shall consider it a favor to know who the Matron is, and see her here as soon as possible.

Yours truly T. C. Stewart.

Aug. 5

Gen. C. B. Fisk.
3 Broad St. New York.
Dear Bro.

Yours of 18th ult is received. I suppose Bro. Cravath told you of the speech Holmes made in our Chapel the last night of Commencement. Many things occurring in the University of far less importance, are reported and published in the city papers, and it was very unfortunate that this speech was not given to the public through the Nashville Banner. It would have done White and the Cause more good than all that can be written and said by other parties in one year. Holmes & Rutling spent two or three weeks at the University after school closed, and have since been in the country a few miles from Nashville. I see them frequently, but have as yet learned from them very little of future plans — They talk of attending school here next year. Maggie & Jennie spent about two weeks in Nashville and then went to Detroit, where they are still. Maggie's mother went with them, and returned last week, but I have no information from her with reference to Maggie's future. Georgia and Minnie are in the City - I see them frequently. Miss Sheppard went to Boston Highlands about six weeks ago. It seems to me not desirable to have all the old singers in a new troupe, even if their services could be engaged - but Mr. White knows best about that, and I shall be satisfied with his decision. Bro. Cravath writes me that Bro White is improving very fast. On a hunting excursion recently, he shot four Prairie chickens on the wing. The work on Jubilee Hall goes forward reasonably fast. Third story brick and stone work will be completed this week. and I hope soon to get at the roof work. We have had fine weather for all kinds of out door operations. Can't you begin planning now, so as to get here next summer for Commencement?

I have been unusually busy of late, hence the delay in answering your letter.

Most truly Yours

T. C. Steward

Aug. 6

Mr. G. W. Jarman.
Murfreesboro Tenn.

Dear Sir.

I have learned through Mr. Roose that three Teachers are wanted for colored schools in your County, to begin next Monday. If you will write me in relation to the matter, stating where the schools are located, the price you pay per month, the grade of the schools &c, I will make an effort to send teachers.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

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Aug. 6 4.

Miss D. E. Emerson
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Friend.

I enclose herewith Fisk University Financial Statement for July. On return of his bill from New York, Mr. Chase stated to me that he had a check for $137.^{61} and that the other $53. came from Mr. White — I supposed through the office at New York. If this is not sufficiently clear, I will find out something more about it when Mr. Chase returns, and write you again.

Yours Truly T. C. Howard.

Aug. 8 4

R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

I am disappointed in not receiving lumber before now, on my order of July 29. You wrote me that you could cut 50.000 ft. immediately, and on that assurance I sent the order. It is ten days since the bill was sent, and no returns yet. I need the lumber, and trust it will come forward rapidly.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

Aug. 10 4

Rev. M. T. Weir.
Athens Ala.

Dear Sir.

Lime can be bought in this city for $1.25 per bbl. A spire can be built on the church I have sent you plans for, if so desired. A building 28 x 44 is not well proportioned — however you can build any size you wish. A ceiling built on the plan I have given you will make a much pleasanter room. There is no doubt about a Furnace doing well for a building of the size you want.

Yours truly

P. C. Stewart.

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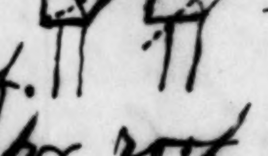
Aug. 10 4

S. D. Hatch.

Dear Sir.

Your full size drawing for the 10" x 14" coping shows the check for the roof to be 6" high, and 2" deep, but does not show what course it will take across the knee—whether straight, or curved for springing the roof. The plans for main roof show how much spring it is to have, but for either the large or small dormers I do not know whether you intend to have the eaves straight or sprung. Again—you do not show how much the roof on the dormers is to project over the shingles on the sides, or whether the eaves line should fall below the lower corner of the knee of the coping —  — the dotted line represents the line of roof. What should be the size of check for roof in the 8" x 10" coping? A sketch of these points will aid us. I gave the brick 2½" reveal beyond the moulding of the window frames, this gives the stone hood 8" reveal from moulding. That is what I mean by 2½" reveal.

Yours truly T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

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Col. Edwin Beecher.
Montgomery Ala.
Dear Sir.

Mr. Phillips tells me you are wanting a good horse, and that he spoke to you of one I am now driving. I think there is little doubt but he would suit you in every respect. He is a fine sorrel - only a little faded from being in the sun so much - large, well made, four years old past, weighs 1290#, and can go almost any speed desired by a man of steady habits like yourself. We need two horses here now, but can hardly afford to buy a second, while there is so much money invested in this one. This is my only object in selling "Jubilee Charley", and shall be sorry to part with him on any consideration. Come and see us, and ride behind a good horse - if you do not want him, the ride will do you good after seeing nothing but poor stock for so long a time.

Yours Truly G. C. Stew

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Chas. L. Jenks. Treas.
Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Dear Sir.

I suppose from what you wrote me ten days since, the frames for fourth story of Jubilee Hall are now ready for shipment. Mr. W. R. McFarland of this city expects to be in Chicago on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. He will purchase shingles for me, and if you will notify the party of whom he buys them you can load the frames, shingles will be put in with them to fill the car. Please show this letter to Mr. McFarland, and he will endeavor to have the plan carried out. I hope the frames are ready, as I shall want them by the time they get here if shipped Thursday or Friday of present week.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

P.S.
Please return drawings as you are now done with them.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Aug. 10 4

W. E. Whiting.
Dear Bro.

Your favor of 5 inst enclosing blank surveys and diagrams, is received. On the 26 of last January I sent you three Policies of Insurance on the University buildings taken out last August. With these for a guide, I could fill up the blanks you have sent, but without them it will take a vast amount of work to take all the measurements and answer the questions required. The agents in this city who have insured the property for two or more years, have made very careful surveys, and with their figures to guide me the work can be satisfactorily done, otherwise I fear it cannot. Some of the best Companies in this country and Europe are represented in Nashville, and in my judgement you will be able to get better rates here than in New York, as the agents are on the ground to see the property for themselves. If you still wish me to make the report, and will send me the Policies of last year, I will do the best I can. — Yours Truly

Aug. 11 4

Rev. Geo. Whipple.
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 6th inst is received. I know nothing of the $1300 to which you refer as having been paid to Fisk University. It certainly has not passed through my hands. Mr. Bennett Secretary of the Board of Trustees is now visiting in the north. I suppose he has the Charter and By-Laws of the University. I infer from your letter that some person has already made application for the transfer of the Fort Houston property. In such the case If Bro. Cravath does not write me in relation to this matter, I write notify you of the fact.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward

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Miss Annie Hopkins.
Saginaw Mich.
Madam
I am in receipt of your favor of 21 ult. I know of no place at present where you would be likely to succeed as teacher for the colored people.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward

Aug. 17 4

S. D. Hatch.

Dear Sir.

Please send me plans for the cornice - full size - in the Dining Room and Halls, Parlors and Office of Jubilee Hall. Parties are now ready to bid on the plastering, but cannot do so until these plans can be seen. You will therefore confer a favor by sending them right away.

Will you also send me some drawings for the wood mouldings for inside finish, casings, wainscoting &c.? I should like them as early as possible, and also the plans in detail for the Tower you promised some weeks ago.

Yours Truly

F. C. Stewart.

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Chas. L. Jenks. Treas.
Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

I am all ready now for the fourth story frames, and trust you will succeed in shipping them this week so that my work may not be delayed.

What will be the difference in cost of my window sash if set with a single light of glass? Or with 8 lights to the window four in each sash?

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

P. S.

Did you receive my telegram in relation to the windows marked on drawings 3'4" wide?

T. C. S.

Aug. 17 4

Miss Mary E. Burton.
No. 29 Dudley St.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Friend.

Your letter of 6th inst is received. I enclose herewith your acct with the University for school year ending May 28, 1874, from which it will be seen that you now owe $13.70. You had Books, stationery &c to the amount of $8.00 and cash as stated at different times, amounting in the aggregate to $10.85. I have given you credit for cash paid at various times before the close of school, and for $15. sent by Mrs. Counter on 6th July. I think you will understand the acct without difficulty. Can you not send the balance before the close of this month? I hope you will come back to school, and be here promptly by the 7th Sept. The Circular enclosed herewith will give you information relating to next year that will be of value. Mrs. Steward did not receive your first letter. She is very busy and may not find time to write you. I do not know Miss Wells' address. Accept kind regards from Mrs. Steward and me.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

Miss Mary E Burton in a/c with
Fisk University Dr.

To Board Aug. 31-73 to May 25-74		104 90
Tuition three terms		10
Music 59 Lessons		29 50
Slate	.20	
Books	2.45	
Stationery & stamps	.25	
"	.45	3 45
Cash	.50	
"	.85	
"	6.	
"	.50	
"	3.	10 85
		158 70

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Sept. 9	By Cash	05
Oct. 4	"	10
Nov. 15	"	05
Jany. 15	"	10
Feby. 9	"	20
Mch. 14	"	10
Apr. 17	"	30
July 6	"	10
		158 40

Miss Amanda Dudley
Florence Miss.

You are now owing the University for Board tuition, rooms, &c $61.70 We need the money very much and I trust you will forward it right away. Please read the Circular carefully.

Respy Yours.
J. C. Howard.

Miss Sophia Davis.
Athens Ala.

You are now owing the University $70.60 and I trust you will pay this sum right away, as we are much in need of the money. This Circular will give you information that will be of value in future.

Yours Respy
J. C. Howard.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Miss Amanda Ansley
Shannon Miss.

You are now owing the University for Board Tuition, music, &c $61.70 We need the money very much and I trust you will forward it right away. Please read this Circular carefully.

Respy. Yours.
T. C. Steward.

Miss Sophia Davis.
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Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

Mr. Saml. E. Coulter.
Lake Providence La.

Dear Sir.

No man prospers while in debt, and you cannot expect to succeed in business while owing the University $39.65 for board of last year. Do yourself credit and the Institution justice by paying the whole amount promptly.
Read the other page of this sheet.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward

Miss Bettie James:
Glencoe Miss.

Can you not pay your bills for last year, amounting t $38.90? You should bear in mi that the Institution has given you the chance to get an educati at a very low cost, and it is your duty to do all you can to pay for what has been fur nished you. Please forward the money without delay.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward.

Read the other page of this shee

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV. NO.

Mr Benj. J. Dudley.
Glendale Miss.

Your indebtedness is the same as at the close of school $44.00, and you appear to be making no effort to pay it. The University needs the money and I trust you will forward it at once.
Read the other page of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Steward.

Miss Dannie Morford.
Chattanooga Tenn.

I have rec
from your father five dollars o
your account, since the clos
of school, but you still owe
$16.50 which I trust you wi
send right away.
Read carefully the other pag
of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Steward.

Miss Ida R. Gaut.
Columbia Tenn.

On closing your account with the University I found that you were still owing on board, $5.80. This is a small amount for you to raise, and I hope you will forward it right away. Read the other page of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
P. C. Stewart

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Miss Alice Brown.
Denmark Tenn.

You are owin the University - $26.40 and I h there will be no further del in paying it. A new school year is about to open, an we need money very muc to pay current expenses.

Yours Resp'y
P. C. Stewart

P.S. Read the other side of sheet carefully.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Aug. 17. 1874.

Mrs. T. C. Ready
McMinnville Tenn.

Madam.

After school [illegible] in May, Dr. Dake presented a bill against you for [illegible] which I paid. If you will have the kindness to send me this amount I can then close your account.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

Mr. Homer Loring.
McKenzie Tenn.

Dear Sir.

You are owing the University for your 90th [illegible] for your wife $89
I hope you will send the whole amount before the close of
present month so that I can
square your accounts. We are
hard pressed for money.
Read the other side carefully

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

Miss Annie Palmer,
Memphis Tenn.

You are still owing the University on board for last year, $19.50, and I hope you will find it convenient to pay the amount before the close of present month.

Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y,
J. C. Howard

Mr. Eugene Parks
Columbia, Tenn.

Dear Sir,

When you left for home at the close of school that you would pay the balance of your bill if your board was right away. I am disappointed in not hearing from you. School will soon open again, and your bills for last year are not paid. Please send the money right away. Read the other side of this sheet carefully.

Yours Resp'y
J. C. Howard

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV. NO.

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Miss Annie Robinson.
Memphis Tenn.

You are still owing the University on board for last year, $8.26, and I hope you will find it convenient to send the amount before the close of present month.

Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward

Mr. Eugene Parke
Columbia Tenn.

Dear Sir,

You told me when you left for home at the close of school that you would pay the balance of $10.00 for your board now, right away. I am disappointed in not hearing from you. School will soon open again, and your bills for last year are not paid. Please send the money right away. Read the other side of this sheet carefully.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

Mr. Alfred Reynolds,
Kewanee Illinois.

I had hoped your bill for last year and year before would be settled before this time. The Institution is much in need of money. You still owe $34.38; and I hope the whole amount will be sent promptly.

Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y,

Miss Ida Dickens,
137 Beale St.
Memphis Tenn.

I should be glad to receive from you the amount of your indebtedness for last year $7.80 as the Institution is much in need of money. Please send at once and oblige a friend. Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y,

Miss Ida Dickens.
137 DeSoto St.
Memphis Tenn.

I should be gla[d]
to receive from you the amount of your indebtedness for last year $15.80 as the Institution is much in need of money. Please send at once and confer a favor. Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
P. B. Steward.

Mr. Alfred Reynolds.
Glenmore Miss.

I had hoped your bills for last year and th[e] year before would be settled before this time. The Institution is much in need of money. You still owe $54.80, and I hope the whole amount will be sent promptly.

Read the other side of this shee[t]

Yours Resp'y
P. B. Steward.

Mr. Wm Cox. Aug. 17
Port Gibson Miss.

Dear Sir: You still owe the University $81.85 and we must have the money. You will confer a favor by sending this amount promptly.

Yours Resp'y,

Mr. Lewis James.
Glenrose Miss.

Your indebtedness is still $40.90 for board last year. After the Institution has done so much for you and your friends you certainly ought to pay bills promptly, and I hope that amount named above will be sent before the close of this month. Read carefully the other side of this sheet.

Resp'y E. C. Steward

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Mrs. O. [illegible]
Oberlin Ohio

Dear Madam

When I sent you an estimate of the expenses of your son in this school for the balance of last year, I made an error of $11.25, and you are still owing this amount. I shall be glad to close the account and trust you will send me the sum above named, before the close of the present month.

Yours Resp'y,
J. C. Edwards

Miss Maggie Carson.
Memphis Tenn.

You are now owing the University $37.50— A sufficient amount was voted from the Peabody fund to pay the indebtedness of your [illegible] Nancy, on condition that your bills be paid promptly by yourself. I trust you will forward the money right away. Carefully [illegible] the letter side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y,
J. C. Edwards

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

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Mrs J. A. Cosby.
Oberlin Ohio.

Dear Madam.

When I wrote you an estimate of the expenses of your son in this school for the balance of last year, I made an error of $12.00, and you are still owing this amount. I should be glad to close the account, and trust you will send me the sum above named, before the close of the present month.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward

Miss Maggie Carnes.
Memphis Tenn.

You are now owing the University $51.00 — A sufficient amount was voted from the Peabody fund to pay the indebtedness of your sister Mary on condition that your bills be paid promptly by yourself. I trust you will forward the money right away. Read carefully the other side of this sheet.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward

Miss Laura Hines.
Glenwood Miss.

[illegible] the
[illegible] at the close of school
you [illegible] that the money I
let you have [illegible] with, would
be promptly returned. I have heard
nothing from you since; Your
[illegible] amounts to $[illegible]
and [illegible] to $[illegible] I trust you
will make an effort to pay the
whole amount $35.00 before
the close of this month.
Read carefully the other page
of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Stewart

Mr. Geo. M. Cannon.
Chattanooga Tenn

I cannot
understand why you are no
more prompt in the payment
of your bills here. We need the
money, and must have it.
I hope without further delay
you will forward $29.75 the
amount of your indebtedness.
Please read carefully the
other page of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Stewart

Mr. Wm. A. Nicholson.
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I hope you will find it convenient before the last of this month, to forward $19.80 the amount of your tuition for last year. By so doing you will help the Institution out of debt, and enable us to begin the next year under more favorable circumstances. Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward

Miss Lucy Davis.
Columbia Tenn.

You promised m
when you started for home, to
send the money without del
to pay the balance due the
University. If you have n
done I hope you will
right forward $1.70 an
then I can balance your
account.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward

P.S. Read carefully the other side of this sheet.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Mr. Wm A. Henderson.
Chattanooga Tenn

Dear Sir.

I hope you will find it convenient before the last of this month, to forward $12.85 the amount of your indebtedness for last year. By so doing you will help the institution out of debt, and enable us to begin the next year under more favorable circumstances.

Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward

Miss Charity Rhines.
Columbia Tenn.

You promised m
when you started for home, to
send the money without del
to pay the balance due th
University. This you have n
done, but I hope you will
right away forward $1.50 an
then I can balance your
account.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

P.S.
Read carefully the other side of this sheet

Miss Jane Reynolds.
Port Gibson, Miss.

Dear Sir, The amount of your indebtedness to the [illegible] at the close of the last school year — $17.50 Have you not made an effort to raise the amount and [illegible] the Treasury? [illegible] the balance [illegible] endorsement by [illegible] long ago. Read the other side of this sheet

Yours Truly,
[illegible]

Miss Minnie Bell.
[illegible] Conn.

You are now owing the University $22.97 — [illegible] you will pay it right away. It is but a small sum, but will help the treasury very much.

Yours Truly,
[illegible]

Mr. Jesse Reynolds.
Port Anderson Miss.

Dear Sir: The amount of your indebtedness now, is the same as at the close of the last school year - $48.65 Can you not make an effort to raise this amount and pay your bills at the University? You are causing the institution much embarrassment by keeping back what was due long ago. Read the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Steward

Miss Minnie Botts.
Pulaski Tenn.

You are now owing the University $22.95 and I do hope you will pay it right away. It is but a small sum, but will help the institution very much.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Steward

Aug 17

Mr. W. H. Carter.
Panama Co. Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Your card of
10th received. I am sorry the
mistake was made. The Money
Order has been duplicated
and paid, hence the stopping
notice. Miss Porter's claim
is now $15.70 and I trust you
will be able to send this
balance soon. I hope you
will try to have some there
next year. This ought not to get
behind the Carolinas. I enclose
a Circular for your information.
Yours Respy

Mr. Eugene Walbaum.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir.
Your invoice
of [illegible] received & this
[illegible] - [illegible] $43.70
[illegible]

43.70
29.25
14.45

This amount was due long
ago and should have been
paid. The Treasury is very
much embarrassed for want
of these moneys, and now as
we are about to begin another
school year many dollars are
so greatly needed. If you
forward the same at once you
will do yourself great credit,
and the Institution justice.
Read the other page of this sheet
Yours Respy

Aug. 17

Mr. R. A. Counter.
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 10th inst received. I see how the mistake was made. The Money Order has been duplicated and paid, hence this is of no value. Miss Burton is now owing $13.70 and I trust you will be able to send this balance soon. I hope you will try to have her come back next year. She ought not to get behind her classes. I enclose a Circular for your information.

Yours Resp.

Mr. Eugene Welborn.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir.

Your sisters are largely indebted to this institution — Maggie $43.70
Ida 29.25
$72.95

This amount was due long ago and should have been paid. The University is very much embarrassed for want of this money, and now as we are about to begin another school year, every dollar owed us is greatly needed. By paying this sum at once you will do yourself great credit, and the Institution justice. Read the other page of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y

Aug. 18 4

Mr. W. E. Whiting.
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 13 inst is at hand. You will receive in a day or two, three new Policies of Insurance on the University property here, rewritten by Mess. Rose, Gale & Thomas of this City. These gentlemen called on me the day before the expiration of the old policies, and proposed to renew at more favorable rates, and in order that the property should not be without insurance, offered to send you the new policies and in case you did not like their terms, to cancel them by our paying ~~them~~ for the time they were in force — or provided they hear from you within ten days, they will charge nothing for the new policies. The Continental of New York has an agent here, and I do not understand how they propose to take a risk without his survey of the property and statement of facts. It is a strange proceeding on the part of the Co. or agent in New York, and I fear that in case of loss or damage by fire, we might have trouble and delay in adjusting matters. As soon as I know what you do with the new policies sent last week, I will carry out your instructions.

Yours &c — T. P. Sewards

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Aug. 18 4

Rev. Geo. Whipple
56 Reade St. New York.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 13 inst is received. I am also in receipt of a letter from Bro. Cravath, asking me to send Gen. C. B. Fisk a copy of our Charter so that he can make the application to the Secy of War as you have suggested. I will carry out Bro Cravaths instructions in the matter.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

Aug. 19 4

Miss D. E. Emerson
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Friend.

I enclose herewith a statement of University finances for the school year ending May 31. 1874. Your request of 3 inst for such a statement should have been complied with earlier, but it was simply impossible. If this is not what you want please so state and I will try to fill your requisition.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Feby 4

I will furnish Timber for
Jubilee Hall — From [illegible]
[illegible] & Woods [illegible] — &
Square Edged —
any dimension up to 20 feet
in length — at $17.50 per M
From 20 to 25 feet $19.50 per M
" 26 to 30 — " 21.00
" 30 to 35 inclusive 23.00
From 35 to 40
feet — 25.00
Flooring 1st Class — 23.25
" First Class — } $18.75
Bill [illegible] } ~~[illegible]~~
Paying Cash on delivery —
for each 10 Cars or Each
order of less than 10 cars

R. B. [illegible]

July 4

I will furnish Timber for
Jubilee Hall — Free from
Sap & Wind Shake — &
Square Edged —
any dimensions up to 20 feet
in length — at $17.50 per M
From 20 to 25 feet $19.50 per M
" 26 to 30 — " 21.00
" 30 to 35 inclusive 23.00
From 35 to 42
feet — 26.00
Flooring 1st Class — 23.25
" Second Class — } $18.[illegible]
[illegible] } ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible] [illegible] an Extra charge
of Each 10 Cents on Each
order of less than 10,000

R. B. [illegible]

Aug. 22 4

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

I enclose herewith a Statement of our a/c to date, with freight receipts and New York draft accompanying. Also the original proposition for furnishing lumber. In making out the a/c you erred as to prices. I have corrected, and send your figures as given me last Feby, that you may see what I have been governed by. I shall want more lumber, and will forward bills as soon as made up. Your samples of flooring by mail are received. The quality is good, but prices too high for this market.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

Nashville Aug. 24. 1874

Mr. John E. Porter
Palo Alto Miss.
Dear Sir:

In reply to your card to Mr. Chase I will say - It is doubtful whether you will be able to get reduced rates on the R.R. in coming to Nashville; I will see about it however and write you again. By reading carefully the other side of this sheet you will see what we propose for the coming year. It will be necessary to adhere to these rules in order to keep up the expenses of the Institution. You were owing at the close of the school year $22.50 and your brother has since sent us $5.00 which reduces your indebtedness to $17.50

Yours Truly T. C. Steward.

P.S. I have written you this summer but I presume you did not receive my letter.

Nashville Aug. 24. 18

Mr. Seth. Kirk.
Palo Alto Miss.
Dear Sir:

By reading c
fully the circular you will see th
Course has been adopted for th
coming school year. You are owi
$3.80 and I trust you will b
ready to meet this promptly on you
return to the University. I ha
written Eddie about reduced
rates. Will write again.

Yours
Truly
T. C. Steward

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Nashville Aug. 24. 1874

Mr. John E. Porter.
Palo Alto Miss.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your Card to Mr. Chase I will say - It is doubtful whether you will be able to get reduced rates on the R.R. in coming to Nashville; I will see about it however and write you again. By reading carefully the other side of this sheet you will see what we propose to do the coming year. It will be necessary to adhere to these rules in order to keep up the expenses of the Institution. You were owing at the close of the school year $\$22^{70}$ and your mother has since sent me $\$5^{00}$ which reduces your indebtedness to $\$17^{70}$

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

P.S. I have written you this summer but it seems you did not receive my letter.

Nashville Aug. 24. 18

Mr. Robt. Neal.
Palo Alto Miss.

Dear Sir.

By reading ca
fully this circular you will see wh
course has been adopted for th
coming school years. You are owi
but $\$3^{00}$ and I trust you will be
ready to meet this promptly on you
return to the University. I hav
written Eddie about reduced
rates. Will write again.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

Aug. 25 [illegible]

Dear Bro. White:

Did you intend to have any of the silver table ware used until we are in Jubilee Hall? What is the plan about jubilee singing? Do you expect to organize a new Company, or reorganize the old? As I told you in New York, and have since written, there will not be money enough to put all the improvements on Jubilee square in addition to completing the building. I hope you will come down and see me this summer so you may be better satisfied with expenditures thus far. Can you not come soon? Last year Mrs. Porter lived in the yard and worked a little just because you desired to keep Maggie on the track. If you desire it another year I will let her remain though it is unprofitable for the University to have it so. I am building rooms of Jubilee Hall, and hope soon to begin putting up roof timbers. These are the slow parts of the work [illegible] are progressing. I have hea

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Aug. 25

Gen. C. B. Fisk.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of [illegible] inst. is received. I do not know what letter Jennie refers to as coming from Spence. She probably saw the article published in Nashville Banner in April or May about the bad treatment of the Singers by the managers, their penniless condition &c, and the robbery, also in Banner by Spence. Further than this I do not know that he has written anything concerning Jennie or the Singers. I have seen Holmes & Rutling since writing you last, and have done my best to get something from them in relation to future plans. My efforts were fruitless. A letter from Bro. Cravath this morning, speaks of the new Company getting into the field the next winter, so I suppose they have decided to re-organize, or organize a new troupe any way. There will not be money enough to put the needed improvements on Jubilee Square after finishing the building, or to furnish [illegible]

Aug. 25 — 81

Mrs. Mary A. Porter
Caledonia Ill.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of 26 July enclosing five dollars on your sons acct. of board &c. was received but a few days since. Accept thanks for the amount, and I trust you will find it convenient to send the balance soon.

Yours Respy
F. C. Steward.

Aug. 05th

Mess. Blake & Shotwell
288 Centre St New York.

Gentlemen.

Please call at the office of S. D. Hatch arch't 119 Broadway, & examine the drawings for Jubilee Hall now being constructed in this city, and send me at your earliest convenience an estimate of the cost of the heating apparatus — what you will put it all in complete working order for. Also cost of engine of small size to run washing machine, steam pump, steam tables, and washing machine

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Stewart.

FISK UNIV. NO.

Aug. 27 4

S. D. Hatch.
119 Broadway New York.

Dear Sir:

Drawings for tower, inside finish of main work, etc. received today. I notice that in the roof and tower you provide for very large timbers, while in the partition walls below you have only timbers of ordinary size. In the roof I suppose you planned for slate, while we expect to use white pine shingles. In this case would it not do to use 2 x 8 rafters for the main roof with 4 x 12 hips and valleys? I like the style of the tower better than the old design. Do you intend to put in the 4 x 12 main rafters in single lengths — about 58 ft long or in sections? If one length, I must ask you to tell me how they can be put in place so long. I am not quite certain from the drawings whether you intend to have one 4 x 12 long rafter at each of the 8 corners, or a less number. Please give light on the points named above and oblige. I hope to hear from you early.

Yours Truly
T. C. Stewart

Aug. 27 4

Mr. F. E. Whiting
56 Reade St. New York.

Dear Sir,

I have not been able until today to find time to make out the survey for the Insurance Company, and what is sent herewith I fear will not be satisfactory, but it is the best I can do under the circumstances. The enclosed plat — on the Brown sheet — I made from careful measurements, and it may furnish the information not elsewhere given. I trust it will answer the purpose.

Yours Truly &c.

C. Howard

Aug. 4/ 71

Rev. Geo. Whipple
61 Reade St. New York

Dear Sir

I have enclosed, a copy of the Charter and By Laws of Fisk University, in the hands of the Secy of Board of Trustees

Mr John McDaniels
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir

Please send at once the balance you owe the University — $7.88 on board for last year.

Yours Resp'y
D C Stewart

Mr G. E. [illegible]
[illegible] Miss.

Mr A. P. Miller

Dear Sir

You will confe a favor on the University by remitting at once the balanc of $7.40 due for board for las year.

Yours Resp'y
[illegible] C. Stewar

Mr. Geo. [illegible]
Clarksville Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Please send me Money order for $14.25 to pay balance on your board in the University last year. This will help very much as money [illegible] started on a new [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] payment [illegible] Allen [illegible] amount paid [illegible] $10.50 and we are so much in need of the money. Please send it right away.

Yours Resp'y
D. C. [illegible]

Mr G. E. Ousley.
[illegible] Miss.

Dear Sir.

I was much disappointed in not seeing you before you left Nashville. And now I think you would be [illegible] circumstances to pay the balance on your last years acc't, amounting to $44.20 and also that your brother and sister and Billy owe:

Amanda	owes	$61.70
Ben [illegible]	"	44.05
Billy	"	51.50
		157.25

The Institution is much embarrassed for want of this money and I am sure you see the importance of prompt payment. Read carefully the other side of this sheet.

Yours Resp'y
D. C. [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible] money
[illegible]
[illegible] on
the [illegible] Boarding Dept.
[illegible] paying your bills. The
amount you owe is $81.50 and
we are much in need of this
money. Please send it right
away.

Yours Resp'y
D. C. Stewart

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] and see the balance
of $[illegible] [illegible] in the
University last year. [illegible]
young man of promise, [illegible]
if you begin life well by paying
your past debts, you will no doubt
succeed in business. Please
send me a money order at
once.

Yours Truly
D. C. Stewart

N.M.A. ARCHIVES
N. MEX. UNIV.

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr C. [illegible]

Spring Hill Tenn,

Dear Sir,

[illegible]

Can be [illegible]

Yours Resp'y

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] teaching [illegible]
[illegible] and the [illegible] principal
[illegible] debts, you may be [illegible]
greater success in your
business. Let me hear from
you.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

[illegible]

[illegible] nothing [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] in getting employment
[illegible]
about having so that the books
can be closed for the year?

Yours Resp'y
T. C. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is $25

Yours Resp'y

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] possibly pay [illegible]

[illegible] of your bill for last year [illegible]

[illegible] $ 1 20 [illegible]

Yours Resp'y

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr [illegible] Griffin
[illegible]
Dear [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Tenn.

[illegible]

Yours Resp'y
[illegible]

[illegible]
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

Columbia [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]

M. A. ARCHIVES NO.

Mr. Chas. [illegible]
[illegible]
Columbia, Tenn.

I hope [illegible]

[illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Resp.
[illegible]

Mrs. Robt. E. Johnson
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] settle [illegible] [illegible] pay [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] pay the whole amount [illegible] read the other side of the sheet carefully.

Yours Resp.
[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Peacock
Chattanooga Tenn.

[illegible] Dear [illegible]

has paid nothing when the [illegible] charge of [illegible] goods [illegible] advance of [illegible] for the [illegible] Remember [illegible] Mr [illegible] the money and [illegible] will find another obligation [illegible] pay the whole amount of [illegible] Hold the other side of the [illegible] carefully.

Yours Respy
J. B. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Clark
[illegible]
[illegible] Tenn

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] the amount of [illegible] due [illegible] end of the [illegible] are [illegible] will pay [illegible] the other [illegible] of [illegible]

Yours Respy
J. B. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Anderson
[illegible]
[illegible]
Dear [illegible]

[illegible] send me the amount [illegible]
[illegible] due the [illegible]
[illegible] to end of the [illegible]
[illegible] only $9.07 [illegible]
will pay promptly.
Please read the other page
of this [illegible]

Yours Resp'y
J. C. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Kavanagh
Chattanooga Tenn.

Your Acc[illegible]
has passed without [illegible] the
[illegible] of [illegible]
charge of the [illegible] for [illegible]
amounting to $9.07. We need
the money and I trust [illegible]
will feel under obligation [illegible]
pay the whole amount at [illegible]
Read the other side of the
sheet carefully.

Yours Resp'y
J. C. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible],
[illegible] Texas.

Dear Sir

You are
still owing the [illegible]
[illegible] of $[illegible]
hope you will pay it at once.

Yours Truly
[illegible]

Mr. John W. [illegible],

Dear Sir.

You are
now owing the University $[illegible]
[illegible] for last year [illegible]
you have been [illegible]
getting [illegible] of
[illegible] and pay
[illegible] away! [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you?
Please read [illegible]
other side of this sheet.

Yours Truly
[illegible]

Aug. 29 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro.

The enclosed Jubilee Hall financial statement for July should have been forwarded long ago, but in the press of business it was overlooked.

Yours truly
T. C. Stewart

Aug. 21 4

Mr John E. Porter
Palo Alto Miss.

Dear Sir.

I have just seen the Superintendent of Clarksville and Memphis R.R. and have the promise of half fare for you from McKenzie to this place. He will get tickets printed tomorrow, and I will then mail you two to McKenzie care of the R.R. ticket agent there. If there is no delay in having them printed, they will be in time for you. If you need more than two, telegraph the names of other parties you want them for.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward

Aug 31 4

R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Please send me at once the following:-

50 pcs. 2 x 12 x 20
400 " 2 x 8 x 12
200 " 1 x 12 x 16

Some pieces you shipped in the other lots were worthless on account of checks and knots. It will be necessary to use more care in assorting this lumber. I want this stuff as soon as possible.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Stewart.

Sept. 1. 1874

Mr. John E. Porter
West Point Miss.
Dear Sir

Received yours of 29 Aug. ten minutes ago. Read what is printed on the other side of this sheet about Warrants, and come along. A letter from your mother just received.
I will get the tickets off to McKenzie as soon as I come in possession of them.

Yours Truly
F. C. Steward

Sept. 2

Miss Florence Crackin.
[illegible] Washington St.
Memphis Tenn.

Madam,

Your favor of 1st inst to Prof. Spence has just been handed me. You are owing the University $16.50 I trust it will be convenient for you to send this amount at once. I mail you our last Catalogue today.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Steward.

AM. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Sept. 3 4

Mr. John E. Porter
McKenzie Tenn.

Dear Sir.

This morning I got the orders for half fare tickets from Gen. Supt. Thomas, and I send enclosed two of them for you and Neale. Present them at the ticket office, and the agent will sell you R.R. tickets to Nashville at half rates. I trust they will be on time for you.

Respy Yours.
T. C. Stewart

A.M.A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Sept. 4 4

Chas. L. Jenks. Treas.
Gos & Phillips Mfg Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

I hand you enclosed check for $293.50 the amt. of your bill for frames for 4th story of Jubilee Hall. Soon after ordering these frames, I telegraphed you to change the sixteen small ones, from 2'4" wide, to 2'-2¾". I have once or twice since asked in my letters if this telegram was received. You have made no reply to this. At all events the frames were not changed as requested. With this exception the work was satisfactory. I enclose blank Receipt for your signature.

Yours Respy.

F. C. Steward

Sept. 4 4

Mrs. Sarah Phillips.
Montgomery Ala.

Madam.

By request of your husband, I enclose you a check for $85.00. You can get the money on this by presenting it at Col. Beechers Bank, or the National Bank. Mr. Phillips is well and succeeding well in his work.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

Sept. 4 4

Chas. L. Jencks. Treas.
Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

In a letter mailed to you this morning was check for $\$200^{50}$ for the last lot of frames, and I intended also to enclose a blank Receipt. You will find it herewith. Please sign and return.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

Sept. 4 04

R. B. Kyle
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

I hand you a Receipt for $\$1036^{00}$ the amount I paid you for last lot of lumber. Please sign and return.

When your last letter was received I had just sent you bill for two cars lumber. I shall need more and will send bills from time to time as they are made up. If you can at any time fill my orders with the dry lumber at Birmingham, of good quality, and without delay, I certainly have no objections to taking dry stuff.

Yours Resp'y.
T. C. Steward.

Miss Ella V. Kor[illegible]
c/o Cor. Louis [illegible] Claiborne [illegible]
Mobile [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

We have already two who expect to be teaching [illegible] we will probably [illegible] this year. I thank you for the interest you have taken in this matter, and for any trouble you have had. Glad you found mother and friends well, and are having a pleasant time. Do you expect to come into school this year? This is the second day of the term — only about 50 in Boarding Department. Mr. Stewart and Bennett are spending a few days in Chattanooga for rest.

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Sept. 5 — 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro:

I hand you enclosed my financial statements for Jubilee Hall and Fisk University for August.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

Sept. 8 4

Miss Ella V. Hoyt
N. W. Cor. St. Louis & Claiborne Sts.
Mobile Ala.

Dear Friend.

Yours of 4 inst. rec'd. We have already two cooks employed in the Dining; and if they remain we will probably want none this year. I thank you for the interest you have taken in this matter, and for any trouble you have had. Glad you found mother and friends well, and are having a pleasant time. Do you expect to come in school this year? This is the second day of the term — only about 100 in Boarding department. Mrs. Stewart and Ernest are spending a few days in Chattanooga for rest.

Sincerely
R. C. Stewart

Sept. 8 4

Mr. Carter Avery.
Macon Miss.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 2 inst. James Childs boards in the University, but is at present working on our new building Jubilee Hall. We have a contract and arrangements made for the year I suppose. There are others you can room with, and will no doubt find pleasant associates. If you are as good a boy in school as you were when in my school at Macon, I shall be very glad to have you in Fisk University. I am proud of all my old scholars who are now members of this Institution, viz. Jas. A. Childs, Pattie A. Childs, and Rebecca Meckle. The last two named are now in the country teaching.

If you have seen our last Catalogue you know the terms for board, tuition &c, as well as time of payment, and will prepare yourself accordingly. Please write me what time you expect to leave for Nashville. Remember me to your Parents and other members of the family.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward

Sep. 8 [illegible]

Dear Bro. White.

Your favor of 24 Aug. is received.
After I wrote you last, and before a reply was rec'd.
Mr. Porter went out of the University, and is thus
[illegible] [illegible] with former [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] employment for
another year, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] would make some arrangement [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with her [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
her mother Mrs. Porter to take charge of the
boy, and he [illegible] with his grandmother [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] by this arrangement.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible];
he will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Miss Porter [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] glad you are going to organize for another
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] doubt but you will [illegible]
and there will be required to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We shall be glad to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] work is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible].
Mrs. Stewart and our little boy are spending a
few days in Chattanooga for rest.

Yours truly T. C. Stewart

Sept. 8 [illegible]

Gen. C. B. Fisk.

Dear Bro.

I am in receipt of yours of 27 ult. Have not been able to see [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Messrs. Moore and Muir [illegible] [illegible] be in yesterday. [illegible] was here in my office, and says he expects to [illegible] [illegible]. I asked if he had [illegible] that it was to go on another [illegible]. He replied "that depends upon circumstances". Nothing further was said about it. I am afraid to trust the Prof. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible]. White has written me recently. He seems to be cheerful, and in [illegible] of [illegible] no end. I send a copy of Fisk [illegible] Chart to Bro. Whipple [illegible] [illegible] things [illegible]. You may have read [illegible] [illegible]. There is a lot of land of about three acres, lying ~~[illegible]~~ immediately in front of public Hall, that should be secured for the new President's mansion [illegible] [illegible] and some other improvements. I will send you plat, with further details, within a few days.

[illegible] [illegible] of the Chapel Committee

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A. & M. A. ARCHIVES
TENN. UNIV.

Sept. 8 4

Mrs. Martha Ferguson.
137 DeSoto St
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam.

Your daughter Ida came into the Boarding department of this institution last week, but has not complied with our rules in the payment of bill. She should have paid on entering, $24.00 in addition to this sum there is yet a balance due on her board for last year, of $16.80. Please send me at once the whole amount of $40.80 by Money Order or Bank draft.

Yours Respy
F. C. Steward

ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV

Sept. 8 . 4

Mrs. Bethenia Smith.
30 Echol St.
Memphis Tenn.

Madam.

I enclose herewith a printed circular giving the rules of this institution in relation to payment of money by the students. From this you will see that your daughter Miss Annie Talley, should have paid on entering the Boarding department $20.00 besides the tuition which in her case is $4.50 for the term — in all $24.50. Instead of this she paid but $10.00. Please send me immediately by Money Order or Bank draft, the balance due of $14.50 You will see also that we require the payment of $10.00 every fourth week, counting from the time the student enters school. I hope payments will be made promptly.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

Sept. 9

Mess. Blake & Shotwell
707 Greene St. New York.

Gentlemen.

Yours of 8 inst. rec'd. We want every room in the building, warmed. I do not care to have the most expensive apparatus, but something that will do the work well. I also want small engine, and steam pump, steam table for pantry, washing machine &c. Please itemize your estimate.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward.

Sept. 9. 1874

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 7 inst with Money Order for $\$14^{50}$ is received. You will see from our terms on the other side of this sheet, that your sister should have paid on entering the Boarding Dept. $\$28^{50}$ It will be necessary for the Institution that this rule be adhered to, and you will confer a favor by sending the other $\$14^{50}$ now due.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward

Sept. 10   4

Mr. R. D. Littlejohn.
Columbus Miss.

Sir.

Your Postal Card of 8 inst to Mr. Spence, has just been handed me. If you come to Nashville via the Miss Central and Nashville & Northwestern R. Roads, I can send you orders for half fare from McKenzie to this city. If this is to be your route, please send me the full names of those who will come.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward

Sept. 11. 1874

Mr. E. D. W. Patrick
Henry Station Tenn.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your Card of 7 inst. I send to day two Catalogues. The teachers are not all here yet. School not as large as last year.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward

Sept. 11 "

Am. Tract. Society
150 Nassau St. New York.

The "Illustrated Christian Weekly" has been received regularly for some months past, but I supposed it was a contribution by the publishers to the Reading Room of our University. I trust you will decide to aid and encourage our Institution to this extent.

Yours Respy.
T. C. Steward.

Sept. 11   4

Miss Maggie Porter
Detroit Mich.

Dear Madam.

Your two letters of 7 inst recd. It will be impossible for me to undertake the work of building a house for you, as I have already on my hands and mind all I can do justice to. And I am well satisfied you will not be able to get a house of six rooms, built for $650. Building can be done at very reasonable rates, but not so cheaply as the price you named. You are probably acquainted with some one in this city with whom you can make a satisfactory arrangement for constructing your house. The city water pipes are not yet running to Jubilee Hall, nor within 3/4 of a mile.

Yours Respy
T. C. Steward.

Sep. 16 — 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I have known very little of your whereabouts for three or four weeks past, and for that reason have not written you. I agree with you that it is best to do before Jubilee Hall is occupied, only what is necessary, but if the cisterns are not finished before the basement floor is laid and the rooms in that story finished, it will be a very difficult matter to do anything with them. It seems to me we should be prepared to store all the roof water as it is much better for all purposes than any other. But if the city should extend pipe to the building we shall probably only be able to get water into the cisterns as our location is so high. The city Engineer has made a careful survey of the route, and I judge from his figures. I can postpone laying basement floors until next spring as late as may be thought advisable and it may be the way will seem clear by that time to go on with cistern work. I am pushing the work on Jubilee Hall as fast as possible, though it goes slowly on the Dormer fronts and laying cut stone on that story, as I have all along supposed it would. Perhaps I should say, too, that part of the work is going very slow, but as long as the Contractors are doing their best I cannot complain. There has been no delay for carpenter work, and now I have eight men at work in lower stories on what will have to be done sometime before plastering is begun. As soon as brick and stone work is completed around north end of east wing, I shall begin putting up roof timbers, and follow as fast as the other work is out of the way. I fully realize that there is much to be done before cold weather, and much more before next May. All that is expected may be accomplished by the appointed time — next Commencement — i.e. it is possible, but I sincerely hope for the sake of those most interested there will be no lack of funds between now and then. What was our conclusion about the gates in fence around public square? At what points do you think best to locate them? I send herewith a plat of the lot with dimensions, and should like to have your judgement right away as work is going forward on the fence.

Yours Truly

F. C. Steward

Sept. 16 [illegible]

[illegible]
179 Broadway N.Y.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Sir:

[illegible] has sent me a new design for [illegible] Hall, one which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I wrote him that [illegible] would be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] changed to 12 x 16. The [illegible] 14 x 8 will be sufficiently large with the roof [illegible] in the design. By his plans the largest timber and stone are at the top of the building. Some of the roof beams are 3x12 — the size of the largest joists in the house. [illegible] his plans will make the building top heavy. With a roof so steep I see no use in using the very large timber that he specifies.

Yours truly,

[illegible] Stewart

Sept: 16

Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

Chas. L. [illegible] Treas.
[illegible] Phillips Mfg Co.
Chicago Ill.

[illegible]

Sept. 16 [illegible]

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of bill for the Car lumber shipped on 8 and 9 inst. The logs [illegible] sent us received three days ago, and the other is still out [illegible] not heard from. What think [illegible] case [illegible] [illegible] R.R. — before a U.S. Court or the state authorities? Will he be able to keep it? I hope so for his own sake and the good of the country through which the Road passes

Yours Respy

[illegible] C. [illegible]

Sept. 16 4

Mrs. Martha Ferguson,
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam,

Your letters of 13th and 14th inst. – the last containing Money order for $18.50 – are received. It is not because I am uneasy about the money, but because we *need* it, that I write you. Please bear in mind that we have no way of paying daily expenses of the Institution except from the funds received from students and unless they pay bills *promptly*, we are very much embarrassed. I must therefore urge upon you the necessity of sending at once the balance as required by our rules. I trust this explanation will be sufficient, and that your payments will be made promptly the rest of this year.

Yours truly,

T. C. Steward.

Sep. 16   4

Mr. John W. Grant.
West Point Miss.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 11th inst is rec'd. I am sorry you have not been successful in teaching. I know the times are hard, and that our students find some difficulty in raising funds to help themselves with. Before the appropriation of fifty dollars was made for your benefit, you were in debt to the Institution $75-60 so that you are now owing $25-60 In writing you about this matter I did not intend to annoy you in any way. I have no doubt of your good intentions.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward.

A.E.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. ______
FISK UNIV.

Sep. 17 4

Mr. Thos. L. Reed.
233 Courtland Avenue
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

When your daughter Miss Lizzie Reed, entered our Boarding Department last week, she paid but ten dollars, when by the rule of the Institution she should have paid $24.50 I send herewith a Circular from which you will see our terms. The tuition is to be paid for the term in advance, and all boarders are required to pay $20.00 at the time of entering, and $10.00 every fourth week thereafter. It will be necessary for the University to adhere strictly to this rule. You will please send me right away the balance now due of $14.50. Enclose check on New York, or Post Office money order, payable to me.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Stewart

Sep. 17 4

Mrs. Lucille Winston
668 State St.
Chicago Ill.

Madam.

The rule of this Institution requires that all boarders pay at the time of entering, tuition for one term, and $20.00 besides. Then every fourth week thereafter ten dollars must be paid. Your daughter paid but $10.00 on entering the boarding department. Please send me at once $14.50 the balance now due. You may remit by Bank draft or Post Office Money Order, in either case payable to my order. I trust this will be forwarded promptly.

Yours Resp'y.

T. C. Steward

Sep. 21

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

Dr. W. P. Mackay of Hull writes that while the Jubilee Singers were in Eng. he got his book — "Grace & Truth" — stereotyped and presented the plates to Fisk University that these plates were packed and sent to Liverpool about the time Mr. White and the first Singers sailed for this Country. He has heard through Miss Gilbert that the box was left by some mistake, and has not been heard from. If Mr. Pike is still abroad he might be able to trace it up, or you may think of some other means for finding it.

Yours Truly

F. C. Stewart.

Sep. 21 4

Mr. R. B. Kyle,
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Please send me at once, one car load of stuff 1½ × 2 × 16 ft long, cut from straight grained timber. And hurry forward the car of lumber shipped last — I want it now.

Yours truly
T. C. Stevens.

Sept. 21 4

Mr. D. B. Kyle.
Waldon Ala.

Dear Sir.

Please send me at once, one car load of stuff 1½ × 2 × 16 ft long, cut from straight grained timber. Also hurry forward the car of lumber shipped last — I want it now.

Yours Truly F. C. Stevens.

Sep. 22 4

Dear Bro White:-

We shall be glad to see you at Fisk University, and I hope you will not fail to let me know on what day and train you will arrive. If there is not time to write this, please telegraph me from Louisville so I can meet you at the depot. I hope you are still improving, and will be able for the work of reorganization and the new campaign. The work now being done on Jubilee Hall is of the slowest kind, but there is no time lost. Georgia, Julia, Minnie, Rutling and Holmes are now in school, and Julia in the Boarding Dept. There are 34 boarders at present. The year opens quite well in some respects, though not as favorably in everything as could be wished. I hope to hear from you.

Most Truly Yours

T. C. Steward.

Z. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.

Sep. 22 4

Sir.

I am in receipt of bill against Reading Room of our University for $3.00 subscription to the Courant one year from July 1. 1874. You were kind enough to send the paper last year for half price, and I had hoped that this year you would do even better, and send the Courant as a donation to our Reading Room. The Publishers of many other papers are doing this, and it is very valuable assistance to our young Institution. We appreciate your kindness in sending at reduced rates for the past year, and trust you will do as _well_ for the year to come, if you cannot consistently make the donation.

Yours Resp'y
T. C. Steward

W. L. Jenks, Dean
Goss & Phillips Mfg Co
Chicago Ill.

B. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.

Sep. 20 . . 4

Mr. F. M. Reed.
233 Courtland Avenue
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 20th inst is received. I send you by this mail a copy of our Catalogue from which you will see our terms. We have not work to do by which our boarders can pay expenses. Each one is required to do one hours work per day for exercise, but we pay nothing for this; and enabled however in consideration of it, to furnish board at the low rate of $2.00 per week. I trust you will spare no efforts to forward the money promptly in accordance with our terms.

Yours Respy.
F. C. Steward.

Sept. 24 11

Chas. L. Jenks, Treas.
Goss & Phillips Mfg Co.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

At what price per M can you furnish the best quality of lath dry, and also of green, same quality, on the cars? How many of each kind can be put in a car?

Yours truly
T. C. Stewart.

Sep. 24 4

Mess Blanchard & Borland
242 South Water St
Chicago Ill.

Gents—

At what price per lb can you furnish best quality dairy butter, and also same quality cheese? What amount of each kind can be put in a can? An early reply will oblige.

Yours Resp'y
F. C. Stewart.

Sep. 7th [illegible]

Gentlemen

Please send me your descriptive circular with price lists of your teas and coffees, also special terms to Educational Institutions. We use large amounts of tea and coffee in the course of a year.

Yours Resp.
F. C. [illegible]

Great Am. Tea Co.
New York

Sep. 25 — 4

Miss Deanie Simms
Clarksville Tenn.

Dear Friend.

I have been to the depot in search of your trunk, but did not succeed in finding it. I will look for it further and hope you may have the good fortune to recover it.

Yours truly
F. C. Steward

Sep. 27

Miss Mary E. Benton.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Friend.

One week ago I received $25.00 by express from Henry Bond Memphis, but as there was no letter in the package I did not know who the money was for. Have since heard through Lulu Jones that it was for you, and it has been placed to your credit. Your letter of 24 inst came yesterday. All your indebtedness for last year is now paid. Music, tuition, and board have to be paid for in advance this year. I send herewith a printed slip giving terms. There are now in the Boarding Dept. 39 students. Health good with all of us.

Yours truly

[illegible]

P.S.

By applying to J. T. Hogue Supt. Memphis and Ohio R.R. you can get reduced rate to Nashville. I send you enclosed an order for half fare from Mr. Hogue in that you can use if he will not do anything for you. Pay your fare to McKenzie and then present this card to the ticket agent there and he will sell you ticket to Nashville at half price. Don't lose this. [illegible]

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Sep. 29 4

Miss Mary E. Burton.
Memphis Tenn

Dear Friend.

One week ago I received $13.70 by express from Lucy Ross Memphis, but as there was no letter in the package I did not know who the money was for. Have since heard through Lulu Lewis that it was for you, and it has been placed to your credit. Your letter of 24 inst came yesterday. All your indebtedness for last year is now paid. Music, tuition, and board have to be paid for in advance this year. I send herewith a printed slip giving terms &c. There are now in the boarding dept. 39 students. Health good with all of us.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward.

P.S.

By applying to J. T. Flynn Supt. Memphis and Ohio R.R. you can get reduced rates to Nashville. I send you enclosed an order for half fare from McKenzie that you can use if he will not do anything for you. Pay your fare to McKenzie and then present this card to the Ticket Agent there, and he will sell you ticket to Nashville at half price. Dont lose this. T. C. S.

Oct. 5 "

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 3rd inst with check for $[illegible] is rec'd, for which please accept thanks. When all the patrons of the school comply with the rules in relation to payment of bills, the Institution is free from embarrassments, and no one can say that there is partiality. I trust you will forward the balance of the money right away.

Yours truly
T. C. Steward

NO. A.M.A. ARCHIVES
UNIV.

Oct. 6 - 4

Gentlemen.

Please send me descriptive circular and price list of your Metallic Paint, with full information as to the amount necessary to cover 100 square feet of white pine shingle roof, the way in which it should be applied &c. I am constructing a large building and want something in the paint line that is fire and weather proof.

Yours Respy
F. C. Steward.

Prince's Metallic Paint Co.
96 Cedar St. New York

P.S.
I saw your advertisement in Harpers Weekly
F. C. S.

ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Oct. 6 4

Gentlemen.

Please send me circular and price lists of your patent slate roofing paint, with full particulars as to amount required for 100 square feet of white pine shingle roof, manner of putting on &c. I am constructing a building that will require about 140 M shingles to cover it and am anxious to find some kind of paint that will prevent decay and warping, and at the same time be proof against sparks from the chimney. Please give me your best terms for introduction.

Yours Respy
T. C. Stewart.

New York Slate Roofing Co.
New York City.

P.S.

I saw your advertisement in the Advance of Chicago Oct. 1, 1874

T.C.S.

Oct. 10 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.

Yours of 8th inst. with check for $1000. rec'd. Please send another check for same amt. early next week. On Monday or Tuesday next I will forward University financial statement with full particulars. Bro. White came Thurs-evening, and is in much better health than we expected to see him.

Yours Truly

F. C. Stewart.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIVERSITY

Oct. 10 4

Mr. R. B. Kyle,
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir,

Please send me immediately, one car load 2 x 6 x 12 good straight stuff.

Yours Truly
T. C. Steward.

Oct. 17 4

Mr. Thos. L. Reed
283 Courtland Ave.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

I have waited very patiently for the money you promised to send for board and expenses of your daughter Lizzie. Nothing has yet been received. It must be sent right away — at least $20. You will find it easier to pay as our rule requires, than to get in debt.

Yours Resp'y,
T. C. Steward

Oct. 12 4

Mr. S. D. Hatch.
New York.

Dear Sir.

What can you say for the paint manufactured by the New York Slate Roofing Co. No. 6 Cedar St? Is it a good thing for shingle roofs, and does it spoil the water for use? If you have any experience in its use, I wish you would give me the benefit of it, as I am now in search of something that will make a white pine roof water proof, and fire proof against sparks.

Please also give me a little sketch of the finish you design on eaves of large dormer over front entrance. The projection is 3 ft. and the wall runs a little above the gutter on main wall. It differs somewhat from the other large dormers. There is not as much difference in height of roof on the eight large dormers and the main roof, as you designed - There could not be and follow your plans in other things that seemed more essential. Please reply early.

Yours Respy T. C. Steward

Oct. 14 4

Mr. Dennis Lennington.
Marion Ala.
Dear Bro.

If you want work at your trade at from $2.25 to $2.50 per day please come to Nashville at once. Mr. Cooper the contractor for my work, will give you employment on another large building until Jubilee Hall is ready, and then you could have a job for about four months. Wages here range from $2.00 to $2.50 and I am promised that if you can do first class work you shall have $2.50. I know you can do that kind of work and so feel sure you will get the highest price paid. If there is nothing to do in Marion, you might do well in coming here even though the wages are not so high as you generally work for. The money will be sure.

Yours Truly,
P. C. Steward

P.S. Come right away if you can. Let me hear from you

Oct. 14 4

E. W. Brooks.
247 South Water St.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 28 ult. received. Please ship me 2 car loads of best quality, full count, dry, white pine laths. I wish them to come over the road that connects with the St. Louis Memphis, Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. for two reasons - viz. that they may come without having to be reloaded, and for greater convenience in unloading here. The freight is the same by this line. Mess Goss & Phillips Clark & 17th Sts sent me loads of wood in shape by the route I have named, and will give you information in regard to it if you desire it. You can also refer to these gentlemen or to McFarland & Co. of this city - as to the character of the Institution I represent.

Yours Resp'y.

T. C. Steward.

A.A.M. ARCHIVES

Oct. 16 11

Mr. R.B. Kyle
[illegible] Ala.

Dear Sir.
Please ship us right away—
50 Pcs. 2 x 8 x 10
50 " 2 x 8 x 12
100 " 2 x 8 x 20
50 " 1½ x 8 x 16

Hurry this and the 2 x 6 ordered as we are out of framing stuff - short all of it.

Yours Truly J.D. Stevens

P.S. Will remit for 2 cars rec'd.
J.D.S.

Oct. 16 4

Mr. R. B. Kyle.
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir.

Please ship me right away — 50 Pcs. 2 × 8 × 10
50 " 2 × 8 × 12
100 " 2 × 8 × 28
50 " 1½ × 3 × 16

Hurry this and the 2 × 6 ordered one week ago forward at once — I want all of it.

Yours Truly
F. C. Stewart

P. S. I will remit for 2 cars rec'd.
F. C. S.

Oct. 16 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Enclosed I hand you Jubilee Hall financial statement for Sept. Of the $4807.06 reported on hand, $1700.79 was loaned to the University, $2224.00 paid on Mr. White's lot, and the balance of $882.27 was on hand — check for $1000. was rec'd on the 20th. I am putting up roof timbers as fast as possible. Have 14 carpenters employed, and shall increase the force as needed. Brick and stone work will probably be completed by the 31st. I have circulars and price list from Paint Co No. 6 Cedar St. New York, and have written Patch about this article. I wish you would consult him and if this is what we want, please ship me without delay by rail, a sufficient amount of the paint to cover both sides of the shingles for 140 squares. I will need it by the time it is here. I have received propositions for putting in Heating apparatus, from Blake & Whitwell, and Baker, Smith & Co. both of New York. There is some difference in price but I am told the last named firm do the best work. Please [illegible] will award the contracts so that furnaces can be built, boilers put in next month, and then as soon as floors are laid the pipes can be run, and the building warmed this winter if the weather is too cold to go on with plastering. If this is not done we shall probably lose time on this branch of the work, and in such a case it would hardly be possible to get the building completed by next May. I trust you will confer with Hatch on the matters above referred to and let me know the result.

Yours truly

T. C. Steward.

P.S. Please send me $1000. on receipt of this

T. C. S.

Oct. 16 4

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

I hand you enclosed the University financial statement for Sep. At the close of last year the stock of dishes was pretty low, so it was necessary to expend in Sep. a considerable sum in household supplies. Of the table and laundry supplies reported, $\$82^{50}$ worth remained on hand at the close of the month. The item laundry work, includes washing for lady teachers and all the students — done in the laundry — and washing for four families done outside. None of the coal and wood reported in Boarding or School Dept's was used in Sep. As the water tax paid is for one half the year, it is fair to count but one sixth of it for this month. Not more than one third the amount paid for household supplies can properly be reckoned in this month's expenses. We thus have $857.42 less supplies on hand 82^{50} — coal 52^{45} Wood 86^{50} Water tax 17^{00} household supplies 125^{27} and there is left $\$493^{70}$ as the expenses of the Boarding Dept. for this month. Of the balance as reported $3133.57 — $\$1700.^{79}$ is borrowed from Jubilee fund, and $\$1433^{50}$ from Deposit and Trust fund of the University. Since my last report, $\$658^{88}$ borrowed from Jubilee fund have been paid. I am not [illegible] shall be able to refund all the Jubilee money without assistance, before it is needed. The students now here are paying very well, but there is no certainty that they will continue to do so. Forty students were registered in Boarding Dept. to Sep. 30 – same date last year 67. There will probably be a much larger number by May.

Yours Truly

T. C. Steward.

Oct. 19 4

Mr. Thos. L. Reed
433 Courtland Ave.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 15th inst enclosing Money Order for $\$9^{00}$, is received. I have placed this sum to your daughters credit. Please accept thanks for your promptness.

Yours Respy.
R. C. Stewart.

Oct. 19 4

Mrs. Sarah Dupree.
Columbia Tenn.

Madam.

Please send Money Order for $\$10^{00}$ to pay board for four weeks for your son Johnnie. This amount was due on the 3d of Oct. I trust you will respond promptly.

Yours Respy.
R. C. Stewart.

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Mrs. Martha Jones
39 Turley St.
Memphis Tenn.

Madam,

I am in receipt of $15.00 which you sent by express, and have placed the same to credit of Miss Mary Buston. By the rule of our Catalogue Mary should have paid on entering the Boarding Department $25.00 You will please send the other $10.00 right away. Accept thanks for that already sent.

Yours Respy.

F. C. Steward.

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Mrs. Lucille Winston.
668 State St. Chicago Ill.

Madam.

Your daughter Annie should have paid $24.50 on entering our Boarding Department. Instead of this she paid but $10.00 and left $14.50 unpaid. On the 7th of Oct. another four week board came due, so that she is now owing $24.50 Please send this amount right away by Money Order or Bank draft payable to my order. We must have the money.

Yours Respy.

F. C. Steward.

Oct, 21

Mr. R. B. Kyle
Gadsden Ala.

Dear Sir,

Please send me in addition to what has already been ordered the following :—

18 Pcs. 6 x 12 x 30
4 〃 4 x 12 x 16
30 〃 2 x 8 x 10
36 〃 2 x 8 x 18
72 〃 2 x 8 x 16
30 〃 2 x 8 x 28
24 〃 4 x 12 x 30
16 〃 6 x 10 x 16
22 〃 2 x 6 x 18
2 〃 6 x 12 x 16
25 〃 2 x 6 x 16
25 〃 2 x 6 x 20

This must all be free from large knots and other imperfections as it is for the tower

Please hurry this and former bills forward immediately — I must have it. You can have cash on arrival of every car if you want it, but hurry up the lumber

Yours Truly
T. C. [illegible]

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Miss Henrietta Matson
First date Jan. 29, 1873

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Jan 29th 1873
Fisk University.
Nashville. Tenn.

Rev. Mr. Strieby
Dear Friend.

You will remember our speaking of the seven students who came together from Miss. to this Institution, one year ago. I think you will be interested in a few facts concerning them. But one of their number was a Christian when they came, and she had [illegible] a profession but [illegible] another [illegible], she was a most decided, original character, the oldest of their number and held a strong influence over the rest. Her first impressions of the Institution were not pleasing — she thought the praying of the friends was [illegible], and found no [illegible] in our quiet [illegible], it was hard for her to learn the proprieties at table and she was [illegible] in school [illegible] every night she would only pray for the Lord to let her go home. At first it seemed to [illegible] that she had only forgot [illegible] the Lord to send her back and now [illegible] praying to go back. And it seemed "that the Lord would not hear her [illegible]," then she began to pray for a "[illegible] heart," whether to go or stay. And this the Lord gave her. She began to love the Christians, and to feel that she would pray

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and her daughter [illegible] she is a Christian. So
that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Among those who are struggling for means to
obtain an education is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
been here [illegible] years [illegible] [illegible]
besides earning [illegible] [illegible] himself in
school. She has purchased a [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], has [illegible] in erecting a little house.
[illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but a shelter
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who now is able to come
to himself. [illegible] has [illegible] the school but a few
months each year, [illegible] the remaining months,
but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] patiently.
She is said to be a fine [illegible], having a strong
religious [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] often
asked to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], when they are
without a [illegible]. [illegible] father died in Liberia
having gone out under the [illegible] Soc. She
has for husband a fine young man who recently
came into school [illegible] [illegible] became a
Christian [illegible] [illegible] to go to Africa to labor.
Another young man [illegible] [illegible] deter-
mined [illegible] Africa, is an interesting student. He
was in the army [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] which he will probably always
carry. After the army [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in
[illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. going
him a [illegible] experience [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], so

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in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] her [illegible] life; some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] when the Christians [illegible] here, [illegible] children [illegible] here and she felt her responsibility in helping the [illegible] not to [illegible] [illegible] Sunday morning. [illegible] her off [illegible] early and [illegible] [illegible], and when she [illegible] down, her face [illegible] [illegible] she had [illegible] the [illegible] she asked what [illegible] meant, and [illegible] she [illegible] before day, [illegible] "like [illegible] [illegible] saying "[illegible] [illegible] for sinners". And she [illegible] the day a [illegible] prayer. Before she [illegible] as she [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] to the school, and [illegible] [illegible] most [illegible]. Of the [illegible] who were not Christians, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] among [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] of the young men [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his father [illegible] [illegible], for which he was to pay [illegible]. [illegible] is not more than fourteen years of age. She [illegible] [illegible] over that she never [illegible] [illegible] people were Christians till she came here. She never saw any who were, although [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] she began to seek the Saviour [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] midnight, [illegible] [illegible], she [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] meal for the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] she was trying to be good, before she gave herself to the Lord. [illegible] [illegible] temptations [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] not [illegible], [illegible] her [illegible]. She "always was [illegible] she never was pleased," says [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whom [illegible] she [illegible] she began to be [illegible]

a clear case in [illegible], and making his way back home
found his way to this school. He had been trained
a Catholic, and was after Communion. [illegible]
to the Romish Church. He was decidedly that he
being [illegible] with any church. [illegible] August
[illegible] he appeared well although he was a
Christian before as he believed, yet he [illegible]
religious [illegible] with the changes that he [illegible]
He had [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to truly
walk with God. His father died in [illegible].
I have written these things in haste, and they
may not answer your purpose at all, hoping
however that there may be some things which
you can use [illegible]
Yours [illegible]

into [illegible] . All [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] might [illegible]
[illegible] died last week, [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible].
[illegible] He was talking about [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible]. [illegible]
taking the smallpox, was taken to
the hospital in this city, and
there died. We could not visit
him, but we learn that he was
anxious to the last and [illegible]
[illegible] to see [illegible]
though we [illegible] his family.
[illegible]

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Feb 1st

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Dear Sir.

I wrote you in a former letter something of the glorious revival which we have had in our school. and rejoice now to tell you that God is still with us and that we are very blessed [illegible] fruits of the Spirit in those who profess conversion. Our meetings since the revival, are just such as we might expect and rejoice in. I think I mentioned that at the close of last term there were none in the boarding department who had not professed Christ, one young woman remained unconverted but she left us before the close of the term. She has since returned and several others have come into the family. all of whom are earnestly and carefully seeking after God. And we hope have found him. One of our most interesting students died last week, a young man of greatest promise. in any respect I never knew [illegible] [illegible]. He was teaching about ten miles from Nashville, and taking the smallpox. was sent to the hospital in this city, and there died. We could not visit him, but we learn that he was conscious to the last, and sent loving words to us at the school as though we were his family friends. And he was, truly, very dear to us, it is not yet a year since he became a Christian. For six months of last year, I attended a daily morning prayer meeting, from which he has

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[illegible] in this city [illegible] his family [illegible] friends. [illegible] the months of last year. [illegible] meeting [illegible]

Seldom absent. [illegible] long time [illegible] he came to a decision. [illegible] [illegible] of righteousness [illegible] of glory. [illegible] I imagine a greater change [illegible] the glory of the [illegible] [illegible]

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when his face was as if it had been the face of an angel. He had never faltered in the journey, but was quite broken as a boy in the city, where he was up all night, made to work through the morning, and went home at two o'clock to go to sleep. Such such a life told upon his health, and he was not able to accomplish what he wished in his studies. So that last fall he decided to teach for one year, and then come to school, teaching work as far as he [illegible], and after that we hoped to keep him steadily in school. I had thought perhaps we could get a little aid for him to hasten his preparation for usefulness. But God had other plans, and I love to think of him among the holy ones, now to [illegible] [illegible] face, and

[illegible] as a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wearing the [illegible] shining face, [illegible] his established character for purity & [illegible]. He had a singular [illegible] [illegible] which he had often [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was the [illegible] [illegible] feeling. Coming in nightly he had begun to [illegible], and then early in the [illegible] every [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible], especially the [illegible] after the first [illegible] years he would [illegible] [illegible] without [illegible], as if in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on him. He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] during [illegible], when [illegible] only [illegible] [illegible], and the few students [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] the night for prayer meeting, and being disappointed, said, "Can't-

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[illegible] nothing; [illegible]
and [illegible] until the session finished,
I [illegible] there all the [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] for no other reason than
to [illegible] the [illegible] spiritual [illegible].
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
being [illegible] distinguished [illegible].
Of [illegible] who have been [illegible]
in these [illegible]
[illegible] have been
teaching during the past year.
[illegible] who had
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] year. [illegible]
taught [illegible] during
the year, [illegible] during the
[illegible] vacation, [illegible] schools.
[illegible]
[illegible] have taught in
Tennessee, [illegible] in [illegible]

Arkansas, and in Ala. and Texas,
one each. Three [illegible] are back
with us, studying. The remainder
are still teaching. The whole number
of pupils taught in these day schools [illegible]
[illegible], and the whole number of
Sabbath children taught is 1775;
twenty four of these teachers
[illegible] Sunday Schools, [illegible]
[illegible] in this table there seems to
have been [illegible] accomplished,
[illegible] in our
[illegible]. At
least it would have taken one
of these teachers twenty-five [illegible]
all of this work, [illegible]
[illegible] each year. There
will probably be a larger number
to go forth as teachers next year
better fitted [illegible] to do their
work. Yours very truly,

[illegible]

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Rev. Geo. [illegible]

[illegible] Sec. [illegible]

I only—

[illegible] a [illegible] that something
of the [illegible] occurred, which will
[illegible] our school. But I
did not tell you fully of the great
[illegible] that [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
great things the Lord did, they were
really wonderful [illegible]. And
[illegible] the blessed [illegible]. The
Spirit [illegible]
in a manner that [illegible]
[illegible] about the Lord, for
it is indeed his work, and his
power. Our hearts always fill with
gratitude, when in the [illegible]

[illegible] the young men [illegible]

[illegible] of the young men came [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] as a fruit of his religion.
He said several other young men
[illegible] [illegible] of this
Sabbath School teachers, the gentleman
who does the business of the [illegible]
for an evening [illegible] meeting.
[illegible] Sabbath School who were [illegible]
were other young [illegible] or
seekers. The [illegible] continued
[illegible] many [illegible] and. [illegible]
One of the young men came
[illegible] the [illegible] with the
[illegible]. I have found Jesus
[illegible] taken all my sins. He
went to the room [illegible]
with them, as with the woman
who found her piece of silver.
He took a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the rejoicing ones,
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for many
[illegible] was opening on his face.

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[illegible] the young [illegible] speak
of the new life they are living.
Young men whose [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] lives! [illegible] speak
of [illegible] [illegible] and of [illegible]
[illegible] on doing the [illegible] will.
Among others [illegible] a young man
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] conversion, he had
been a [illegible] soldier, and a
[illegible] generally [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that he is to
[illegible]. Good [illegible] are some
of the fruits of the spirit [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had been
[illegible], and the religion
of Christ in his heart has
[illegible] [illegible] another young
man [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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moaning and weeping and would not be comforted. We told one no Saviour. We could take from him the heavy load of burdening guilt that was crushing him. Another one, the one of whom I first spoke, was trembling but with tears just steadily down his face, kept repeating this one [illegible] "O! that I were away! O! Lord take me away." He seemed almost unconscious of the presence of any one, and seemed hardly to hear, when we spoke of his only dark, deep despair. But look at the morning later, and the Sun of righteousness shone forth and a flood of glory. He was perfectly quiet but a very astonished! at the wonderful

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mercy of God. He turned his hands and gazed at them, saying, "Is this me? Am I a Christian?" And then going from one to another said, "Who is like unto the Lord," to which with solemn hearts we could respond, "Who is like unto the Lord?" The meetings which we held were usually very quiet but sometimes their demonstrations would give vent in deep audible sobs and groans and cries, the persons so affected were quietly removed to a place where some one might pray for them till they found peace. I brought a little girl out in this way once, and came to my own room with her. She was about twelve yrs of age, and had sought the Saviour very earnestly

Dec 1st

Mrs. S. M. Wright
New Marlboro. Mass.
Dear Friend.

I was very glad to receive your letter, and greatly rejoiced to know that you too were receiving showers of divine grace. Tell the dear children in the Sabb School that Jesus even He who taketh away the sin of the world, will bless them, if they will but come unto him. There have been some conversions among little children with us, and very fair ones are they in the sight of the Lord. Two little girls. Children of our Professors have become, as I truly believe Christians during the past year. One nearly a year ago

for a long time. She was terribly troubled and had wept for hours. I felt that she had given herself up to Christ but wanted to know He was pardoning her. I began to sing softly "O! how I love Jesus" She caught the words and gradually they seemed to take possession of her, till her bitter weeping was changed to joy. "I do love Jesus." O! glory, glory, glory! and two hearts came together with a sudden joyful song. We were alone only Hattie and I, and I thought as I looked upon her face that there was surely much of heaven there. Since then she is a most beautiful Christian, and her prayers for her unconverted father are very touching.

Hoping that you will remember us that God may work his [illegible] among [illegible] Henrietta Matson.

And the other [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] I am [illegible] [illegible] be among the [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] of children. When I first came into this work among the [illegible], I thought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all children [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible]! but of [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they are all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. One [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. O! [illegible] [illegible] before their father [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to see them come to Him

This [illegible] of Jesus is wonderful. We have felt [illegible] Jesus I am anxious to tell the children more about the blessed revival which we have enjoyed. I want them too to come to the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] students – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Christ as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] understands so well, what is meant by the water of life that it springs up in the heart just like a gushing fountain, which [illegible] all [illegible] and fills him with such unspeakable joy. [illegible] [illegible] meetings which we had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quietly but earnestly the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] manifest and then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and growing [illegible]. Sometimes

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when she came [illegible] I know that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at length she had [illegible] gradually turned to Christ, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "I do, I do, I do!" she said. "Glory, Glory, Glory." [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] together [illegible] [illegible]

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most joyful day. We were all alone in the room, so that there were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] happiness. Since then her life has shown that she is indeed Christ's, and her prayers for her unconverted father are very touching. In some [illegible] and instances the conversion of these young people has led to the most [illegible] on the part of parents. O! such an remarkable instance which I will tell you, which I am sure [illegible] [illegible] And God is still with us for which we bless His name. I hope you will not be disappointed that I did not speak on the subject of your Sabbath School concert. I should have

liked to hear my humble report
due to say that things move
directly about the work among
us. Hoping, praying that it
might reach and engaging
work among you. [illegible]
O! that that all might come to
Christ. His salvation is so
abundant so full. so rich and
free. Think you [illegible] for
nothing as the money. it has
not yet arrived. but I will try
to use it discreetly and wisely
for [illegible] his building. So
I shall let him speak for him-
self. Tell the dear young friends
among you [illegible]
we rejoice to know that they have
found the Saviour, and pray that
they may live very close to his
bleeding side.

Very truly,
Henrietta [illegible]

Aug 8th 1872.
Fisk University.
Nashville Tenn.

[illegible]

Dear Friend.

It is a long time since I wrote you, but I have been ill & [illegible] my [illegible] which has [illegible] in the long and severe illness through which I found [illegible]. But [illegible] restored me [illegible] to health and [illegible] to return to my field of labor which I love so much! I find the [illegible] has been [illegible] teaching all summer. [illegible] about the field of [illegible] & [illegible] study [illegible] one term [illegible]. [illegible] he has left a young man who will carry on the little school [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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his young woman when her children were small, he was sold to Texas. When he married again. She remained in town with her old master, but was unwilling to take another husband. During the war, when freedom came to them, among the changes which it brought the husband and wife met but not a meeting — but his wife it was living death; she told me the story with tears falling fast, and it fills us as we gather how terrible was the meaning of slavery. I should be glad to hear from your Sab School. The dear Lord is pouring out his blessing upon you when you last wrote many and sinners were looking for the first time of the unspeakable love of Jesus.

I feel a personal interest in them. I want to hear that they are holding fast and that they are continually growing after Our School has opened very prosperously and fully already we are feeling that we are to be crowded this year, and that we need the additional rooms that our new building will give us. But better than any other prosperity the Lord gives us his presence and his blessing. At our first prayer meeting, some young ones rose for prayers and are earnestly seeking Christ. Will you and your Sab School pray for us. If you can aid us we shall be very grateful for it as soon as convenient,

the Lord does not send us the money
we will pay it (one dollar only
per month) if board is paid in
advance it is $11 per month, if
not it is $12. We have not both
of us together enough to pay his
board the first month in adv.
but we feel the Lord will provide.
I have had so long an illness
that the state of my finances is
not very flourishing, but I felt
warranted in becoming responsible
for him. I knew his mother
when I first came South.
When I taught in Memphis,
she was in my Sabb. School
Class. She is a most interesting
woman, had a beautiful face
which I used to love to look at.
She had suffered the meanest
wrongs of slavery, was separated
from her husband, the father of

that we may pay on the Andrews
board in advance, but let this
be as is most convenient to
yourselves.

Yours very sincerely
Henrietta Matson.

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Sep 8th 3.

Rev. J. E. Morrison.

Dear Sir,

I have been trying to think of some Northern church or Sabt. School to whom I might share the work of helping needy students among us. We need aid, and remembering the substantial interest which your church at Mt. Vernon manifested in our behalf on a former occasion, I am encouraged to write you. Our Institution has been greatly prospered since then. Gods rich blessing has seemed to rest upon us in many ways. The success of the Jubilee Singers has secured to us a future permanency, by supplying the means for comfortable buildings, which are in progress of erection. Fort Gillem has been purchased two miles from the City and the walls of Jubilee Hall are slowly, but surely rising — all this has been accomplished by the success which God has given the Singers. When they went forth from us the Assn. & were seriously considering the question of giving up the school. But we cried unto the Lord, and He heard and saved us. But we are yet in our old

Hospital quarters, where we shall remain this year, and possibly next, but with the certainty that we are sure of a better habitation in the future, we very cheerfully remain; indeed the old place has become very much endeared to us, and we shall leave it with the regret that one feels on leaving an old home for a new one. A great objection to our present quarters is the insufficiency of rooms for our growing family, and that they are cannot be made comfortable in cold weather.

Our school is opening very full for so early in the season, many of our old students have not yet returned, as their summer schools which they have been teaching have not yet closed. We have had during the past vacation over fifty students out teaching through various portions of the South, and through them a large part of this dark portion of our country has been reached, for a little time by educating influences, and in most cases religious instruction has been given, for our students seem to imagine that they can teach school, without a Sabbath School in connection with their school. Most of them are Christian young men, and women, who earnestly seek to win their pupils to Christ. Occasionally however a student teacher goes out who is not a Christian, and almost strangely to us he feels the

same responsibility to give religious instruction.
Their inability to do so, has in several instances led
them to seek the Saviour themselves, after returning
to us saying their first real desires to forsake a life
of sin arose when they found themselves surrounded
by those who looked to them for the words of Eternal
life. But my object in writing you is to present
the case of two young girls who have been in school
the past year, one of them longer but who must go away
unless aid can be received from some who would
do good in this way. They are the daughters of their
master, a rich Mississippi planter, whose conscience
prompted him soon after the war, to place these
his slave children in school, and for two years
supported them here in our school. they were
quite young but were received into the school
under the circumstances — there was also an older
brother a young man of such promise whom
he also kept at school. They were well dressed, and
their bills promptly paid while he lived, but
suddenly last Spring he died, leaving these worse
than orphan children wholly unprovided for.
A brother of the father wrote on for the children
to leave school, saying no more money would
be furnished for their education. The young
man went home, and got into some business

but wrote back that if his little sisters returned they could only go into the cotton field, that there was no home for them, and that he would earn what he could, and send for their support. Through the summer the teachers managed to keep them here, but now that school has commenced they have no money to pay. Their brother can send something but not enough. One year more of school, and we think they could teach — but to send them home, is to send them to almost certain ruin. They have both good ability — one is unusually bright. Both we trust gave their hearts to the Saviour in the revival last year, and are members of our church. $50 for each, would bring them safely through the year. May we not expect that God will open the hearts of his children some where, to give this needed aid?? Will not your Sabb School adopt one of them, and perhaps some other school will the other. We cannot send them home — their board must be paid if they remain — for their clothing we teachers will try to provide. May God give us faith to expect the needed aid for them

Yours very truly
Henrietta. Matson

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Yours very truly
Henrietta. [illegible]

Sep 10th 3

Mr. W. C. Savage.

Dear Friend.

I promised to state to you the case in regard to one of our Students — who greatly needs aid for the coming year to go on with his Studies. He has been with us three yrs, and is in one of our most advanced classes. He has always during the Summer worked to earn means by which to study the rest of the year, but the past Summer has been a very trying time in the South; the Cholera has made fearful ravages among all classes, throwing many out of employment. This young man went to Arkansas to teach last Spring where he had every hope of earning enough to carry him through the year, but when the Cholera broke out in Memphis where his home is, his mother was struck down, and sent for him. He had only been teaching two weeks, when he went home to care for his mother, but another took his school in his absence and he lost his situation. He then tried to work in Memphis, but has soon taken sick himself; he has now recovered, but when the school opened he had no money with which to return, and wrote us that he must give up his studies. But we are very sorry to loose him from the school. The great mass of our pupils are but beginners as yet, but we have a choice few who are pioneering the way through college. The present need of the colored people is for teachers among themselves but they also need thoroughly educated men. All positions in the country are open to them, and they are filling them whether qualified or otherwise; the highest good of the country demands thorough education among the colored people. Hence we are sorry to be compelled to up one upon whom so much time has already been expended, and who gives promise of so great future usefulness as this young man. He has become a Christian since he came here, and seems such a young man as is needed in the Masters vineyard but must have the necessary preparation. I knew his mother when I first came South. When I first taught in Memphis she was in my Sabbath School class. She is a most interesting woman, had a beautiful face, which I used to love to look at. She had suffered the heaviest wrongs of slavery.

was separated from her husband, the father of this young man, when her children were small. He was sold to Texas, where he married again. She remained in Tennessee, with her old master, but was compelled by the hard hand of slavery, to regard her husband as dead, and marry again! After the war, amid the changes which freedom brought to so many homes, the husband and wife met. But what a meeting — to the wife it was living death — she told me the story with fast-falling tears, and I felt as never before, how terrible was the wrong of slavery. These are the facts in regard to this one of our students — and they speak for themselves. Our young people make most heroic efforts to help themselves, but let us not forget that as a people they are homeless, and landless, everything they possess has been acquired since slavery, and that the people upon whom they are yet largely dependent for employment are much hostile to them. Matters in this respect, are much better than a few yrs ago, but it is still often difficult for a colored man to procure from a white man what he has fairly earned.

Our school has opened very fully, and very prosperously. Our old Hospital quarters are crowded to their utmost capacity--but our hearts are cheered as we turn our eyes to Fort Gillam where "Jubilee Hall" is rising slowly but surely. A "temple fair" we trust it will be which shall in the future receive hundreds who come for education and then go forth again to spread in turn their little light through the dark places of this part of our country. I wish the generous hearts of the North could understand this work as it is and they would be glad to have a part in it and to help in the education of this people is having part in a great work, one which will tell for the future good of the whole land. May God move many hearts to help in it.

Yours very truly,

Henrietta Matson

September 11th 3

Mrs. Chas. Herrick.

Dear Friend.

I am glad to resume my correspondence with those to whom I have tried to tell something of this good work in which we are engaged. My long and severe illness last winter interrupted my work, in this respect, as in all others: but the goodness of the Lord has been shown to me, in restoring me again to health; and permitting me to enter upon the work that I love. Our school has opened very fully, and very prosperously. How glad we are to see the faces of our students as we gather once more in chapel. You cannot tell how much endeared to us the students become — they seem as our children for we have a love and care for them which in many cases they do not find in their own homes, for home in its real significance, and sweetness is unknown to them: the separation of families in slavery has made this true, and time alone can build up real homes to them. We have a large number of new students come among us for the first time, and for them there is great responsibility resting upon us. Prof Spence asked me today if I had faith to say that none who came to us should be turned away. Many come only able to pay a part of the expenses incident, already the amount asked is the lowest possible, on which we can live in an expensive City. our board is very, very plain we teachers share it for the sake of bringing it to the capacity of the students, but it is a large amount to these landless people, who have had but a few short yrs in which to acquire property. Today a man came asking if his son could come on six dollars a month, this he felt he could pay, and support his family also more he could not, for he was in debt for his team by which he earned his living, four dollars per month he must pay on the debt. What answer can we make to this and similar requests? $50 would give half support for one year to a student, more we do not ask, for it is seldom that we wish to help one altogether. May I as

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your church, or [illegible] to give this — it will return in blessings a hundred fold, I am sure. I did not feel that I could say I had faith in reply to Prof. Spence. but since then I have brought the matter to the Lord, and I am sure he would have us *ask* of *Him*, great things. I am satisfied that the prosperity which has been given to our work here has been *in answer to prayer*. The success of the Jubilee Singers has secured to us a permanency. but when *they* went forth we were in the last extremity. nearly every dollar of the Institution was taken to start them out. see how graciously the Lord helped. Then such rich spiritual blessings have come down upon us, from year to year, surely we have much to be grateful for. The young Christians who came to the Saviour last Winter, are steadfast and apparently trying to walk in the footsteps of the Master. There is a great work before us, hundreds of young people would come to us who cannot yet find the means. God grant that generous hearts who love to do for the Master's cause may be opened to help them. The walls of Jubilee Hall are slowly

But

Surely rising, and we trust a "temple fair" will yet stand upon the spot that has been chosen, and given to God, whereon to do His work in the education of the people, Many hundreds be there received and trained to go forth scattering light among their own people.

We are grateful to hear good reports from our Singers abroad.

Yours very truly.
Henrietta Matson.

Sep 16th 3.

Rev. Mr. Lee.
Cleveland. Ohio.
Dear Sir.

Prof Spence has requested me to write you something in regard to our work, knowing the interest that you manifested in this work. when with us last winter. The school has opened very fully this fall; very many new students have come to us from various parts of the South. and we are every day welcoming back, our old students. About fifty of ~~our~~ students have been teaching during the Summer vacation. doing a good work. We trust through them many dark places in the ~~South~~ have been reached, with educating influences, for a little time and in most cases religious instruction has been given. For our students never imagine that they can teach school. without a Sabb School in connection. most of them are Christian young men, and women, who seek to win their pupils to Christ. Occasionally a student teacher goes out who is not a christian, and strangely enough feels the same responsibility to give religious instruction. Their inability to do so, has in several instances led them to seek the Saviour themselves after returning, saying their first real desires to forsake a life of sin, woke when they found themselves surrounded by those who looked to them for the words of Eternal life. Those who have been teaching, return to us with sufficient means to go on for the next year, generally, but those who are not yet able to teach and are dependent upon other employment, cannot earn enough during the summer months to carry them through the expenses of the year. And among our new students, parents come asking if we cannot take their children for less than the usual price, for though it is the lowest sum at which we can get board and other expenses yet to them it is high. A man came today from Chattanooga, bringing his daughter, an intelligent looking girl, whom he is very anxious to place in school, but has seven other children to support and has failed to get the employment during the summer which he hoped, on account of the prevalence of the cholera, the wealthy people he says leaving the city and throwing the poor people out of employment. Still he has decided to bring her

And keep her in school as long as he can.

Prof Spence has been receiving letters all Summer
our students – asking advice, in regard to their
returning. and in a great many cases he has
to make decisions for them, and take responsibility
in regard to them, that parents would under other
circumstances. These young people seem a generation
of orphans, or where they have parents they are
incapable of ~~[illegible]~~ advising in regard to those localities.
and their poverty prevents them from giving
the aid that in many cases is a necessity.
Prof Spence feels that the Lord will not have us
turn any away. even though they cannot pay all
their own expenses, it is throwing away an opportunity
perhaps, to train a soul for usefulness in this life,
when the world so needs earnest christian lives,
and possibly an opportunity – is lost for winning a soul for
Christ. But we cannot take them at half rate
without reducing our Expenses, which is hardly possible
as we now live very plain, in order to bring the
rate of board to their capacity. – hence we have
thought of the christian hearts at the East who would
be glad to help us if they knew the circumstances.
Churches, and Sabb Schools and individuals perhaps to

whom the blessing would return fourfold. There are two classes of students who need this aid, those who are not yet able to teach, and the few who are struggling to go through College. $25.- or $30 at most for a year, to such as one would often save the student from giving up his studies. None are helped who do not do all in their power to help themselves. And if instances could be known it would be seen that we have many heroes among us in the efforts and struggles of our young people for an education. If in your church are any who would like to aid us in this, we shall be very grateful, or any in your Sabbath school, who would like to put themselves in communication with a student whom they thus help, we think they would find it a matter of interest. The walls of Jubilee Hall, are slowly but surely rising, and we trust a "temple fair," will yet stand upon the spot which has been chosen and given to God, wherein to do his work, in the education of this people. May hundreds be ~~[illegible]~~ received and trained, to go forth scattering light in the dark places of the earth.

yours very truly,

Henrietta. Matson.

Sep 19th 3.

Rev. Mr Hayden.
Cleveland Ohio.

Prof Spence has requested me to write you something in regard to our school. Knowing the interest that you manifested in this work, when visiting us. The school has opened very fully, and very prosperously this fall; very many new students have come to us from various parts of the South, and we are every day welcoming back the old ones. More than fifty of our students have been teaching, during the summer vacation, doing a good work. We trust through them many dark places of the South, have been reached, for a little time, with elevating influences. And in most cases religious instruction has been given. For our students never imagine they can teach school without a Sabb school in connection. Most of them are Christian young men, and women, who seek to win their pupils to Christ. Occasionally a student teacher goes out who is not a Christian, and strangely enough, he feels the same responsibility to give religious instruction. Their inability to do so, has in many cases led them to ask the Saviour themselves. After returning, saying their first real desires to forsake a life sin, arose when they found themselves surrounded by those who looked to them for the words of Eternal life. Those who have been teaching, return with sufficient means to go on for the next year, generally, but those who are not yet able to teach, and are dependent upon other employment cannot earn enough during the Summer months, to carry them through the expenses of the year. And among the new students—parents come, anxious to give their Children the advantages of the school, but whose ill paid toil does not bring them sufficient remuneration, to enable them to readily raise the necessary sum. The expenses of the school are placed at the lowest possible rates, but to them it is high. Today, a man came from Chattanooga, bringing his daughter, a bright-intelligent looking girl, whom he wishes to place in school, but has seven other Children to support—and only his own strong arm to depend upon. He said he could only pay six dollars per month, but where shall the remaining four come from? Prof. Spence has been receiving letters all summer from students — asking advice in regard to returning. And in a great many instances he has been obliged to make decisions for them, and take responsibilities in regard to them, that parents would take under other circumstances. It often seems as though these young people were a generation of orphans; for those who have parents, are but little better off; the parents are generally incapable of advising in these matters, and their poverty prevents them from giving the aid, which in most instances is a necessity. Prof. Spence feels the Lord will not have us turn any away, even though they cannot pay all of their own expenses; it is throwing away an opportunity for training a soul for usefulness in this life, where the world so needs earnest Christian lives, and possibly an opportunity is lost for winning a soul to Christ. But we cannot take them at half rates, without reducing our expenses, which is hardly possible, for we now live very plainly, in order to bring the rate of board within the capacity of the student; but we have thought of the Christian hearts at the North, who would be glad to help us if they knew the circumstances. Churches and Sabbath Schools, And individuals perhaps, to whom a blessing would return for good. There are two classes of students who need this aid. those who are not yet able to teach, and the few, who are struggling to go through College. $20 or $50 at most for a year, to such an one, would often save the student from giving up of his studies. None are helped, who do not do all in their power to help themselves. And if instances could be known it would be seen that we have heroes among us in the efforts and struggles of our young people for an Education. If your church, or Sabb. School, or a class in Sabb. school, would like to aid us, or would like to put themselves in communication with a student whom they thus help, we think they would find it a matter of interest. The walls of Jubilee Hall are slowly but surely rising, and we trust a "temple fair" will yet stand upon the spot, which has been chosen and given to God, wherein to do his work, in the Education of this people, many hundreds be there received, and trained, to go forth scattering light in the dark places of the earth.

Yours very truly.

Henrietta Matson.

Sep 29th 3

Rev. J. E. Monroe.

Dear. Friend.

Your letter of Sep 14th was received; accept our thanks for the promised aid. The name of the girl whom you will help, is Ella Wilburn. about fourteen yrs of age; we shall be glad of clothing for her, though her brother, has just unexpectedly sent her some clothing, which will do for the present. She is not however prepared for cold weather, and probably will not be. I should also like to suggest to the ladies of your church, that we shall greatly need bedding, when the cold weather comes. We are already making up more beds than at any time previous, and the supply of covering will not be sufficient. Sheets are greatly needed, and warm quilts. Our students who have been teaching, are coming back; today we welcomed four who have been in Mississippi: one of these had never taught before, and has not before been in the family. has however been a student for some time, and is one of the best in the Sen Prep Class. For two yrs he has, besides working for his board, in the city been obliged to stop occasionally to work for his father, or pay him for his time. His clothing usually came out of missionary boxes received by us. Last Summer his father was unwilling to have him work. he lives a few miles from the City and has a few acres of land which he cultivates; and he required his son's services. Prof Spence however paid the father $10. for the boys time, and then procured him a school in Mississippi, where he has earned enough to come into the family to board. Prof. thinks that buying the boy for $10. was a good investment. He is an earnest, faithful student and a christian whom we hope will do good service for the Master in the future.

Yours very truly,
Henrietta Matson.

Sep. 31st 3.

Mr Eliot Montague.

Dear Sir.

I have been requested to write you again, something of our work in its present prospects. The first month of the school year is nearly finished, and we feel that it has been a very prosperous beginning. The school is larger than it has been usual, so early in the Fall, already we are beginning to feel crowded for room, and probably before Christmas it will be a serious question what we shall do with those who come. There is a large number of new ones: many come from Mississippi, returning with those who were here for the first time last year, but whose improvement was so marked that parents desired to send their children, where they would receive the same benefits; some come right from plantations, having learned very little more than to pick cotton, and hoe corn, but who have a strong desire to study, and to make all that is possible of themselves; to such life here is new and strange, and it is not easy to adjust themselves to it; but their good

Sometimes, and desire to improve will help them. Our former students, are every day returning to us, and we are very glad to welcome them back. Many have been teaching, a larger number than last year, all have not yet closed their schools, and some will not return till Christmas. We feel that the young people who have thus been teaching have been doing a good work: many plantations, and small places can only be reached by colored teachers, and it is far better as they are prepared, that this work should be done by themselves. There is a great demand for colored teachers, many are teaching, who are wholly unfit, but others are teaching good schools and doing good work. The reports of this kind from our student teachers, are very cheering: all teach Sabb school, and there is comfort in the thought that a little light, for a short time, has been shining into many dark places. The people among whom they go, have great confidence in them, and a pride, that their people, are being lifted up to the standard, that they see in them. A young man spoke in the Sabb evening prayer meeting, who had just returned from teaching in Mississippi. He had had a Sabb school of one

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hundreds and fifty. - His own Sabb School lesson last Winter was four chapters in John's gospel, beginning with the fourteenth - these he said he took up, in his school, and taught as well as he could. But the wickedness and indifference of the people seemed to have impressed him painfully, and their great need of educating influences. Another young man tells of his work, and of the rich blessing of the Lord, and we heartily thank God and take courage. There had been a precious revival in his school, where forty of his pupils found the Saviour. He gave instances, which showed very plainly that it was indeed God's work. A young lady also who has not yet closed her school, writes that the Spirit has been poured out upon her school, and twenty have found the Saviour. She was one of the converts here, last year, a very intelligent girl, in one of our advanced classes, and we are thankful that she has so learned Christ that she could go forth and tell the same sweet story to others. O! if this school can train young people, who shall in their turn go forth to work for God, we will give Him all the glory.

A young man, who has been teaching, and who returned in time to commence when the term began is now very sick, so that his life is despaired of. He was taken sick a week before his school closed, but did not yield to it. finished his school, and came on, anxious to begin study with his class. He has been in the same place, teaching for two yrs, the people are very much attached to him, last year built a school house, with the understanding that only he should occupy it. As I sat by his sick bed, he told me he had hoped to live to help his people, that life seemed so much more, since he had found he could do something for his people. but he was very quietly and sweetly willing to go or stay, as God wills. Never he said had the Saviours presence been so real to him as since he lay upon that sick bed. Well we can feel whether God takes him or spares him, "it is well." He has been with us four yrs. for two yrs was a care, and anxiety. but two yrs ago, he became a Christian, and since then we have felt has striven to walk in the ways of the Master. You will see that there is much in our work of comfort and cheer, while there is also, among our anxiety and care which we can only cast on the strong Arm of the Lord.

Very truly yours, Henrietta Matson

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Mr. Rev. S. Hickok.

Dear Sir.

I have been requested to write you again, something of our work, in its present prospect. The first month of the school year is finished, and we feel that it has been a very prosperous beginning. The school is larger than has been usual so early in the Fall. already we are beginning to feel crowded for room, and probably before Christmas, it will be a serious question, what we shall do with those who come. We have a large number of new students; many came from Mississippi, returning with those who were here for the first time last year. but whose improvement was so marked, that parents desired to send their children where they would receive the same benefits; some come right from their plantation homes where they have learned little else than to pick cotton, and hoe corn, but who have a strong desire to study, and to make all that is possible of themselves; to such, life here is new and strange. And it is not easy to adjust themselves to it, but their great earnestness, and desire to improve will help them. Our former students are everyday returning to us, and we are very glad to welcome them back; a larger number than last year have been teaching. All have not yet closed their schools, and some will not return till after Christmas. We feel that the young people, who have thus been teaching, have been doing a good work. Many plantations, and small places can only be reached by colored teachers, and it is far better as they are prepared, that this work should be done by themselves. There is a great demand for colored teachers, many are teaching, who are wholly unfit, but others are teaching good schools, and doing good work. The reports of this kind by our students are very cheering; all teach Sabbath Schools, and there is comfort in the thought that a little light for a short time, has been shining into many dark places. A young man spoke in the Sabbath eve prayer meeting, who had just returned from teaching, in Mississippi. He had had a Sabbath School of one hundred, and fifty. In our Sabbath school lesson, last winter, was four chapters in John's gospel, beginning with the fourteenth; these he said he took up in his school, and taught as well as he could. But the wickedness and indifference of the people seemed to have impressed him painfully, and their great need of elevating influences. Another young man tells of the rich blessing of the Lord, and our hearts thank God and take courage, there had been a precious revival in his church, where forty of his pupils found the Saviour. A young lady also who has not yet closed her school, writes that the Spirit has been poured out upon her school, and twenty have found the Saviour. She was one of the converts here last year, a very intelligent girl, in one of the advanced classes, and we are thankful that she has so learned Christ that she could go forth and tell the same sweet story to others. If this school can train young people, who shall in their turn go forth to work for God, we will give him all the glory. We are much cheered by the success of the Jubilee Singers across the water. Jubilee

The walls of Jubilee Hall are slowly but surely rising on old Fort Gillem, about a mile and a half from the State House. It is beautiful for situation, and we trust will yet be the joy of many hearts. We shall have a fine view from there of Nashville and its surrounding hills, which are really very beautiful. Meantime, in our old Hospital quarters, we are working with good cheer, and receiving much of God's good blessing.

Yours truly,
Henrietta Matson.

L. A. Sanford, of Gaines, the same.

Oct. 8th 3

Mr. S. W. Wright

Dear Sir.

I received late your letter, the letter enclosing the check of $8.17. With many thanks for your promptness in responding to my appeal. I will explain the use I am making of it.

Before my letter reached Mr Anderson, previously he had engaged to teach, and all the circumstances considered it was not best to advise him to break the engagement. Then I thought I would choose another young man, whom you could aid, for there are several who will need help.

But Mr Clements has been very sick ever since the term began; he was taken with dysentery a week before his school closed, but bravely taught on, and came to enter school at the first of the term. He was somewhat better, though as we afterwards learned not fit to be in school. He only came in for two days, and for nearly three weeks has been very sick. He is not yet out of danger, is so very weak that the disease may yet terminate fatally.

We hope now that he will recover, but it is still doubtful. I found that although he had earned his money and will get it without doubt after a while, yet he had not yet been paid, and was without even enough to buy medicine. So five dollars of your Sabbath School money went to pay for his medicine, and I am keeping the other for a few days to see if he may need it. If not I shall apply it on some one else. But I felt that his need should come first with your school. I have not felt that he would recover, though the Dr encourages us to expect it. He has such a beautiful spirit. I always feel when I have been to his sick room, that I have been in a very sacred place. He says he is never alone, Jesus is there all the time, that he did not suppose it possible to be so given up into the hands of the Lord. At one time he thought he could not live, and while he had so hoped to do something for his people, yet he would like to see Jesus. His school has seemed to be on his mind all the time, praying for them a great deal. He often asks if I have heard from Dea Wright. I tell the children that if they could go into Dea Clements sick room, they would feel that they had been helping one whom Jesus loves. Pray that your gains [illegible] services. Matters

I will write you again of Dea Clements, and what it seems best to do with the remainder of your collection if he does not need it.

Oct-7th 3.

Mr. M. C. Hillyer.

Dear Sir.

Rev. E. M. Cravath. Sec of the A. M. A. has requested me to write you something of our work in the South. Fisk here is one of the established schools of the A. M. A. where Colored young men & women are trained to go forth; and themselves help lift up their people. The Association have considered it the best expenditure of funds to build up a few normal schools and universities, where the highest educational advantages will be given ~~to those~~ who come, and then send these young people forth to the great mass who are in ignorance and darkness. Hence we are training teachers, who can go to places where a white teacher could hardly have access. Last year fifty teachers were sent forth from this ~~school~~. This year a larger number and we hope every year to increase the number. These young people during our Summer's vacation, are earning means by which to come to school, and at the same time doing good. for the people always eagerly welcome a school, and are hungry for its privileges. They have been scattered to a great many different States.- Alabama Arkansas, Mississippi, and even Texas. A great many have been teaching in Miss. they teach mostly in small places sometimes on plantations generally with the poorest accommodation In some instances, with no house, only an arbor built of twigs, and bushes. one young man taught in such a place, nearly all of one session but the next year the people had built a house for him, and his school. But it is very cheering to us, that not only do these young people carry educational influences with them, but with very few exceptions they are, themselves Christians, and seek directly to win their pupils to Christ. They always have Sabb Schools in connection with their day schools. even those who are not Christians, do not suppose they can teach without having a Sabb School. One young man spoke in our own prayer meeting last week.

who had just returned from teaching, and gave some account of his work. he had, had one hundred and fifty — in his last school. he said the people were very wicked, and indifferent but he never went to his school house on last morning. without finding them there before him, sitting around on logs, waiting for him, and them were so attentive, and interested, as he read the Bible, and explained as well as he could. Others of the young people as they return to us, tell of the out-pouring of Gods' spirit upon their schools, and of the Conversion of souls to Christ. In our own school, here while we are trying to give them the highest Culture of mind, which shall fit them for this work to which they go forth, first and greatest and deepest, is our desire to train them for God's service. The school has been Consecrated to God, with many tears, and prayers. He who dwelleth in the hearts of men

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has been invited to make this His abode. Every year almost we have had most precious revivals, there is a constant religious interest. We can gratefully count by scores ~~those~~ of our Students who have been converted here. Surely God has been very good to us, in this respect, and we give to His holy name, all the praise, all the glory. We hope your Sabt School will pray for us, and be pleased by what the money of the generous people of the North is doing for this people.

Yours very truly.

Henrietta. Matson.

Oct-18th 8.

Mrs. L. W. Wright.

Dear. Friend.

It is my very sad duty to write you of the death of Mr. Mason. Clements. He died on Monday at twelve o'clock. calmly and sweetly trusting in Jesus. who was with him. all the way through the dark valley. Of the particulars of his sickness and death. I will write to you again. I have only time to tell you that he has gone. I used $6.00 of your S. S. money to buy medicine for him. and little comforts. the rest I shall apply on another young man whose name I will give when I write. Let me know when your S.S. concert comes.

Yours. truly.

Hamilton Watson.

Oct. 18th [illegible] 3.

Rev. [illegible] Knight.

Dear Friend.

It is my very sad duty to inform you of the death of Rev. [illegible] [illegible]. He died on Thursday at twelve o'clock. Calmly and trustfully trusting in Jesus, who has said, Come, all the way through the dark valley. Of the particulars of his sickness and death, I will write you again. I have only time to tell you that he has gone. [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] for him. And little [illegible] the [illegible] I shall apply in another young man [illegible] [illegible] I will give them a [illegible]. Tell me [illegible] when you [illegible] come.

Yours truly.

November 1st 3.

Dear. Mrs. Herrick.

Since I wrote you the Lord has taken one of our students to Himself, to dwell in the everlasting mansions. He was a young man of such promise of usefulness. but the dear Lord had other plans for him. ~~than~~ ours. and I am glad, he is with Jesus beholding His glory. He had been teaching in Miss. and was attacked with dysentery a week before his school closed. he bravely kept on however, finishing his school. but upon returning to us the disease had such a hold upon him that he could not recover.
We are greatly comforted by the reports our students who have been teaching give of their work. One young man had a revival in his school, in which there were forty conversions. and since he came away. the work still goes on. A young lady who was converted in the revival last Winter! writes of a revival in her school. where sinners are turning unto the Lord.
She says she has daily prayer meetings after school hours. Her school will close so that she will

will return to us about Christmas. A young man in the family gave in prayer meeting, a very interesting account of the school he had been teaching. He had had no revival, and seemed to have been at times disheartened at the ignorance, and indifference, and wickedness of the people; said however when he went to his school house, Sabb morning, for Sabb School, he always found crowds of peoples sitting around on the logs, outside waiting for the doors to be open. Most of them have school houses of the very rudest structure. I suppose western pioneer life, would not at all compare with it for the rudeness of their accommodations and surroundings.
The warm climate, as they generally teach in the summer favors this. In some instances I have known them to teach for many weeks in an Arbor, made of the twigs, and bushes. rather a romantic idea perhaps if it seems

desired.

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Sally Patton was greatly delighted to receive picture, and I almost took the liberty of recognizing the face of a friend in it. She did not make as much money from her [illegible] as I hoped she would; it was a subscription concert, and many failed to pay. Sally is doing very nicely in school, commences Algebra this fall. New students still come in, so that the family was never so large. We are so many that we can hardly tell where to put ourselves; there are now eighty student boarders besides teachers, the little children of the Prof. and the servants. And our accommodations are not very ample. We are a very happy family though. I think we are thus constantly reminded of our need of Jubilee Hall, and of how very pleasant it will be there. The corner stone of the building was laid last week, Rev. E. M. Cravath being present. The ceremonies were very appropriate, and interesting. I think we all felt a renewed gratitude to God, as we heard enumerated to us what had [illegible] The funds by which the building is [illegible] certainly sent in answer to

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or marvelously this is true. There was a large assembly of Colored peoples and a few whites. Several Editors, two or three ministers, and doctors, were present by invitation, through the public papers. These expressed a great deal of sympathy and cordiality in our work, showing a change of sentiment at least in them. One man a Southerner, said no heart beat warmer for Fisk University than his. A great deal of this is perhaps owing to the success and prosperity of the Institution. Jubilee Hall when completed, will be a splendid building - the foundation is solid rock, and the massive stone walls look as though they would stand for ages. It will be beautiful too for situation, and I hope if not the joy of the whole earth, at least the joy of many hearts.

Yours very truly,

Henrietta Matson.

November 3rd 8.

Mr Eliot Montague.

Dear Sir.

I sent you a paper containing an account of the laying of the corner stone of Jubilee Hall. Which was a very interesting occasion to us and doubtless will be to our friends who remember that the means by which the building is erected is earned by our Jubilee Singers. I think we all felt a renewed gratitude to God, as we heard enumerated God's goodness to us. For we who have been here long, feel most profoundly that the funds which have come to the Institution through the Jubilees, are certainly sent in answer to prayer. The Singers went forth from the Institution, at a time, when we were in sorest need. When the A.M.A. seriously considered the question of abandoning the schools and we were already greatly in debt. But upon some Christian hearts the school was laid, feeling that it must not be given up, and as a last resort, it was decided to send forth the Singers into the field. God blessed the effort, and gives the hope that the school is now to be established on a permanent basis. At the laying of the Corner stone there was a large assembly of colored people present, and a few whites. Several editors, ministers, and doctors of the city — as you will see from the paper, there expressed themselves, as sufficiently interested in our work, to indicate a change of sentiment — at least in them. Our own school, together with the public colored schools of the city — marched in procession from our Chapel. Our family organ was carried to the grounds and the school sang. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised". Jubilee Hall when completed will be a splendid building. The foundation is solid rock, and the massive walls look as though they would stand for ages. The location too, is beautiful, surrounded by hills on every side; the city is just far enough away to give a pleasant view, as it lies stretched out in the midst of the hills. With enterprise, Nashville might be a city of beautiful outskirts for there are hills, and pleasant scenery on every side. These hills before the war were thickly wooded, but were then stripped, and now stand out bare against the sky.

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The Annual Conference of the African Methodist Ch. of Tenn. has just closed its session in this city. There were many fine looking, intelligent men in the body, men whose faces indicated capability and power. This Church is much the most hopeful among the Colored Churches in the South. Certain resolutions which they passed would do honor to any body of ministers, North or South. One series of resolutions compelled the Pastors of all Churches to be present at the Sabb. Schools connected with their Churches; and another on the use of intoxicating drinks and tobacco was very strong. Any member of the Conference who shall in future use either will be reprimanded by the Bishop, and each minister is required to preach two sermons a year upon these subjects. There was not a very hearty response by the brethren to this, but the resolutions passed, and then the Bishop dealt very plainly with them. One old white haired minister said he had used tobacco since he was nine yrs old, had tried very hard to give it up too, but had not, and he did not know but they had better turn him out of the Conference at once. The Bishop however kindly and pleasantly advised him to try once more, and see what the grace of Christ could do for him

I attended the "love feast" held by the Conference. It was of course an exciting time, but but much testimony of real Christian experience was brought out. One man spoke of how unwilling he was to preach the gospel, till God dealt with him, following him with one sorrow after another, until he was truly willing to go wherever God sent, and do whatever God required. The Conference as a body visited our school, expressing great satisfaction and delight. Several speeches were made, comparing the old time with the new, as is always done, when the school is visited by elderly colored people. The school sang two or three Jubilee Songs, which brought the tears to many eyes. We have still much of prosperity and encouragement in the school. There are now eighty students boarding in the family, besides the day scholars from the city - making about three hundred in the school in all.

Very truly yours.
Henrietta Matson.

November 15th 3.

Dear Bro Hubbard.

Prof wishes me to write you giving some incidents which you could use in placing our cause before the public. First however let me tell you how much it seems as though you should be here working with us and how much we miss you. I can say this emphatically when I think of the religious work. This goes about as usual with great difficulties to be overcome, and not so great faith as there should be. The Lord is very willing to work, but as Christians we are not ready, so there are no conversions though some convictions; but some professed conversions. I say this that you may pray for us, for we are very needy. This is not however what you can use before the public. Has anyone written you of what cheering news our student teachers bring back. Matilda Ellis you will remember was one of the converts last year. She is now teaching in West Tenn. and has had a precious revival in her school. She held prayer meetings after school at first and as the interest so much increased she devoted an hour in the morning. and

And another in the afternoon, for prayer meetings. and many were brought to Christ. Horace Tyler too had a great revival in his school. forty conversions before he left. and the revival still goes on. What a promising young man he is. Silas Morgan thinks he can easily make up a whole year of study, but he is frail, and I am afraid would easily break down in health. Albert Miller & John Turner taught for the first time last year. and have developed wonderfully. Albert boards with us and takes an active part in meetings. He told in meeting the other night. about his conversion two years ago, how he left school for a day and went into the country to work for his father. but he would work a while, and then go and kneel under an old Oak tree, and pray. and then he would cry a while. His work did not get on very well. neither did his praying. till finally he thought he had done all that he could, and only Christ could save him, then he said Christ took him. and he had rejoiced in his love ever since. Ellen Murphy is now teaching. not far from here. and frequently comes in, she has left school, and keeps the children, and people who come, to a kind of service, [illegible] she reads the Bible prays, and talks to them about Jesus. There is no other meeting held in the neighborhood, and I am sure she could tell the story of the cross very effectively. I presume others have written you all about Moore. I have written something of his death which will be in the December Missy. His school lay upon his heart very heavily while sick. Every time I went to see him he asked me to pray for his school down in Texas. He said he thought of them by night and by day, and "I wish I had prayed more when I was strong" he said once, while the tears fell on his pillow. Ah! how many of us will wish we had prayed more when we were strong when we come to lie where he lay. He said Jesus was with him all the time, it seemed as though He were always beside his bed. His strong interest in his school in his last moments shows what a hold it had upon him, and together with incidents of many others, shows what a work our young people have been doing as teachers, carrying a light into some very dark places. O! Mr Hubbard since I commenced writing, within a few hours the blessed Lord has converted one of my Sabb School class. A young lady who was not here last year, but a most interesting girl from Mobile. She had been a seeker sometime; but this afternoon was seized with such conviction, that she left the Chapel and went crying to the dormitory, so loud, that she could be heard all over the grounds. A few of the girls began to pray and she found Jesus. O! how we rejoice to night. I thought of you. how we used to rush to tell each other when a soul had found Christ. Bless the Lord O! my soul. bless His holy name. I have serious doubts about your finding any thing in this letter "to use." but it is the best I can do tonight. May God bless you, and continually lead you in his perfect way.

In Christ
Henrietta. Matson.

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We hope your Sabb School will pray for us. and be pleased, by what the money of the generous people of the North is doing.

Yours very truly.

Henrietta. Matson.

Jan 12th 4.

Rev. J. E. Monroe,

Dear. Sir,

We are beginning the new year, very hopefully in our school. We had nearly two weeks vacation, at Christmas, and last week entered upon the winter term. Our boarding department was never so full, and we are asking, "where shall we put them", and still they come. There are ninety nine boarding tonight, students, besides, teachers, and their families including little ones, then the employees, and their families, making in all a family of about one hundred, and thirty five. We had supposed the financial condition of the country, which reaches the poor more than any other class almost, would diminish the school but it does not. Very many have come this year, who were never here before. A Southern man, today brought a very intelligent looking young colored man, whom he wished to enter, and pay his expenses at school. He was his former owner, said he paid $800, in gold for the young man in slave times, now he laughingly said he wanted to improve his property by education.

He was a man who had accepted the situation, and sees that the Colored people must be educated, if they are to make good citizens. He seemed very tender of the young man, and said his wife wished him well cared for, and he would pay expenses. There are a few such Southern gentlemen, but I regret to say, we are not often brought in contact with them. There is a young girl here, who has for two yrs. been supported in school, by her mother's former master. He has taken great interest in her advancement in study, requiring her to come to see him at stated periods and bring her essays or a letter which she has written, for he has an office down in the city. The other day however, he called to say he could do no more for Sophie, he had failed in business. He said he did not wish to see her, for he should feel badly. We have this year a number of students from Kentucky, and in conversation with a young man from the middle of the State, I saw that there is there more prejudice against the education of the colored people than in Tennessee, or farther South. This young man had taught in Mississippi, and he said there he had generally been treated with respect by the white people with whom he had to do; but when he got back to Kentucky he found he was "only a nigger". The little education which he had, only make them more bitter, probably [illegible] as they feel their equality with themselves. There are instances among the students here, of very earnest, almost heroic endeavors to obtain an education. I often find myself admiring the courage which they show, in the midst of difficulties. A young man, who has been here three yrs, always teaching through vacations, has been particularly unfortunate the last year. He took a school in June, but soon was struck down by that dreadful scourge, from which our State suffered so severely, cholera. There followed a long sickness, and afterwards the Dr's bills, and other expenses. When the Fall term opened, and when he had expected to resume his studies, he was again obliged to teach to secure the means by which to live, he taught four months, and now is back, but finds himself a term, behind his class, who had begun Greek, and Algebra, and are one term beyond him in Latin. I said to him, that I had feared he might be discouraged, and give up. He replied, that he never had such an idea, he did not know such a word as give up. I was encouraged in him, for he happens to be one whom I have watched with great interest, for he has looked forward to missionary work in Africa ever since he became a Christian. It is four yrs since he came here. I said then, he was then a Roman Catholic, had been a soldier boy, and since the war, had led a wandering life, in Texas, had been in Mexico also, and could then read in the Second Reader. He will never be a brilliant scholar, but his faithful perseverance, will I trust carry him through College, and make a useful man of him. The little girl of whom I wrote and who is to be assisted by your Sab't School, Ida Wilson, is doing well, this winter — is a good scholar in her classes, as is also her sister. Her brother did not return, has not been very successful in the business he undertook. Our Jubilee Singers, as you will see are doing wonderfully well, across the waters, and the new building for which they are earning money, is slowly rising. We trust that you will remember us in earnest prayer, that God may still bless our work.

Yo. very truly,
Henrietta Matson.

Jan 13th 4.

Elliott Montague, Esqr.
South Hadley Mass.
Dear Sir.

We are beginning the new year very hopefully in our school. We had nearly two weeks vacation at Christmas and last week entered upon the winter term. The boarding department was never so full, and we are asking, where shall we put them? and still they come! There are ninety nine boarders, besides the teachers, and their families, and servants and their families. Besides those who board in the family ~~there~~ are, about two hundred day scholars, who live in the city. We had supposed the financial condition of the country, which reaches the poor, almost more than any other class would diminish the school, but it has not. Very many have come this year, who were never here before. A Southern man, today, brought an intelligent looking, young black man, whom he wished to enter, and pay his expenses at school. He was his former owner said he paid $1600 in gold for him, in slave times, now, he laughingly said, he wanted to improve his property by education. He is a man, who has accepted the situation, and sees that the colored people must be educated, if they are to make good citizens. He seemed very tender of the young man, and said his wife wished him well cared for, and he would pay expenses. There are a few such Southern gentlemen but I regret to say, we are not often brought in contact with them. There is a young girl here, who heretofore has yet been supported in school by her southern former master. He has taken great interest in her advancement in study, requiring her to come to see him, at stated periods, as he has an office in the city, bringing him, an Essay or a letter she has written. The other day however he called to say, he could do no more for her, for he had failed in business. We have this year a number of students from Kentucky, and in connection with a young man, from the middle of the State, I saw that there is there, more prejudice against the education of the colored people, than in Tennessee, a further South. This young man

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[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] happiness,

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March 20th 1884.
Fisk University.
Nashville. Tenn.

My dear Mr & Mrs Stewart,

It was with pleasure that I received yours of Feb 14 I had but recently written you. But will write again to say, how thankful we are in regard to the scholarships, [illegible] this Prof Spence wishes to write. Our ardent desire and constant prayer is, that God will raise up from this Institution many who shall carry the glad tidings of the gospel to the perishing. There are many discouragements in the way of the immediate accomplishment of this end — the condition of the people, must be constantly borne in mind, these young people have everything to learn, when they come to us,

waiting on God, hoping and expecting His blessing. [illegible] [illegible] and in every other respect this has been a marked year for the Institution, and since we have had God's blessing, we hope too there has been Christian growth in the knowledge of Christ. There have been several conversions also, here one, and there another, comes into the light of God's love but not the large ingathering of souls which we hoped, when the Lord sent to us, so many young people, who had never been here before. We have a daily noon prayer meeting attended by a few who are earnestly seeking Christ. Yesterday one who had been a seeker, came to us, with a face beaming with joy, And it must all be learned in school, there is no home influence which with us has been so strong an educational force, hence it will take longer to fit them for actual, independent labor, than would at first seem necessary. I think they are learning to be useful, during their training, those who go out to teach in our vacations, and this number is constantly increasing, find an excellent school for learning to work for the Master. Their experience as they tell them when they come back, are rich and varied. But O! how I long to see them go forth, so baptized, with the Holy Ghost that they shall win their pupils to Christ. Many do report conversions in their schools

Some have had precious revivals where large numbers come to the Saviour. A young woman who has been with us this year, of very limited education, is now teaching, and writes of a powerful revival in her school. There had been twenty five conversions, and the work still goes on. But in regard to these scholarships — God can provide those who are worthy, and in every way fit to receive their benefits. I have felt to make it a special subject of prayer unto the Lord, that He will raise up those who through this aid, shall be prepared to carry the gospel of Christ into Africa. Still we do not see the mighty power of God displayed among us, in the conversion of souls, but we are

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there and [illegible] away, and
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and of worship, a [illegible]
of old, for those who [illegible] [illegible].
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young people, brought to a
knowledge of His love.

We have got just word, (a
week since) of two little deaths
in Glasgow, it is indeed a
heavy blow to his father, and
his brothers little more [illegible]. We
pray that the affliction may be
sanctified, both to father and

and telling me, that Jesus had taken her sins away, and filled her heart with His great love. Almost every night after family worship, a prayer meeting is held, for those who wish to come, and very precious seasons they are, times of searching among Christians, humbling ourselves before Him, to enquire of Him, why we do not see more of our dear young people, brought to a knowledge of His love.

We have but just heard, (a week since) of Mrs White's death, in Glasgow, it is indeed a heavy blow to Mr White, and his motherless little ones. We pray that the affliction may be sanctified, both to him, and kind to the Singers. Mrs White had been a teacher here, in the School, even before her marriage and was beloved by all. Mr White writes of the kindness and sympathy, which he received in his great sorrow. We rejoice to see how greatly God has blessed the labors of [illegible] worthy [illegible] — to His great name be all the praise. Personally God richly blesses me, I rest abide under the Shadow of the Almighty. The enclosed little tract was first published in a paper, and an unknown friend put it in tract form, and sent me a few copies. You may like to read it. Prof & Mrs. [illegible] join me in love to you all.

Very affectionately yours,

Henrietta Matson

May 18th 9.

Mrs Chilton. B. Wick.

Dear Madam,

Prof Spence requests me to write you more fully in regard to the many, and excellent donations, which have been recieved from you for our Students. He wishes me to say, that he acknowledged the receipt of the boxes, and the two packages, to yourself, also to Mrs James Justamer, and to a lady whose name was in a note addressed to Mrs Spence the note is mislaid, and the name he does not remember. He simply acknowledged them but Mrs Spence intended to write you a full letter

Our work is full, of interest, I could tell you much, that would show you how truly it is Gods work, surely that we feel that His blessing rests upon it, we rejoice at the interest and sympathy, in it, which is manifested by our friends abroad, and only wish that they could see, as we do, the many things to encourage us, and them, to continue to do for those so long neglected. Mrs Spence wishes to especially thank you for the pretty dress you marked for herself. All the calicoes are so pretty, the girls are so pleased, and will look so nicely in them, with many hearty thanks, and hoping that you may prove how much more blessed it is to give than to receive I am

Very truly Louise Hamilton. Matron.

expending over twenty thousand on behalf of the students. Mrs. Lee was prevented from doing by illness, she is now sick in her bed, but wishes me to thank you personally, for all your thoughtful kindness. You can hardly realize how much good your donations will do, many of our young people will be made comfortable and by this aid, be able to save what they shall earn, during vacation, and return in the fall to go on with their studies. Consider that these young people, almost universally pay their own expenses here in school, and you will see, what a godsend your aid is to them. A box of shoes also came, from St. Louis, from which I think several very young men, has made a good pair of shoes, then again today comes three barrels, of clothing, from St. Louis, with no name, so that we may still thank yourself. As I counted over the many coats, pants, vests, &c., I said [illegible] the people in St. Louis have large generous hearts; and may God bless them, for so remembering us. Mr. Lee thinks best to put away a part of these till next fall, when other students will come into school, poorly clad for the winter. The school closes for the year, next week, May 28th, we shall then have a three months vacation, during which time, the students will work, to do what they can to earn money to come back.

Our work is full of interest, and our hearts rejoice in it. We have much reason also to feel that God's rich blessing rests upon it. We close school for the year next week, May 28th. Then shall have a three months vacation, in which the young people will work, or do what they can, for means to return next fall.

I have only this suggestion to make, if you should remember us in the future. We greatly need bedding in the Institution. We make up a large number of beds, and shall need replenishing in this respect another year or so. A [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] this however, is only a suggestion.

With many hearty thanks, and hoping that the young ladies may have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am
[illegible] [illegible] Henrietta Matson

May 18th [illegible]

Mrs. Henry. Kelley.

Dear Madam.

Prof. Spence requests me to write you, expressing our hearty thanks, in behalf of the students — for a box of clothing, received from the young ladies of your Church.

I began to write you on Saturday, but found myself occupied all day, in distributing the garments, and they were of most acceptable. I do assure you.

On Sunday many of our young men appeared, neatly dressed in coats and pants, and vests, from Cleveland. Everything was most appropriate, and suitable.

The girls clothing as well as the

young men's. I have seen a missionary box of so good articles. [illegible], [illegible], wearing well, used & as garments as already so much worn that they are of but little service.

They are good as long as they last (if they last & such [illegible]) but our students, — are respectable young people, attending school — who look as well in a good garment as do any young people. We are thankful for every thing sent to aid us, in our work, but we are particularly thankful for so carefully prepared a box as this, which make our young people look so nicely. The shirts — for young men, were especially acceptable, also the under clothing for the girls, so in fact — is all. The nice black hat, which was in a box, I gave to the mother of our two most advanced students, — two young men who will graduate from College next year. They have supported their mother, and kept themselves in school, for the last eight yrs. they are so nearly white that you would wonder why they should be in a Colored school. Both have taught vacations for three or four yrs. and they feel a certain pride

About their mother's appearance. Being of course very poor, she gets along only by the strictest economy. And I felt sure the young ladies would like to help the mother to be respectably dressed. The [illegible] dress and other garments from your box, and the boys complete suits — throughout.

Mr. E. Sterling.
Bridgeport, Conn.
Dear Sir.

Rev Geo Whipple. Sec. of the A. M. A. has desired me to write you something in regard to our work. You have probably known of our school through the Jubilee Singers; three yrs ago when they left us, our prospects of permanent continuance were very dark. Having no permanent location, the A. M. A. were considering the question of transferring the work elsewhere, or combining it with some other school, for economy's sake but God had given to the workers here such a love for this particular school that we felt we could not give it up, and then the same leading hand led Mr White to organize the troupe of Singers, whose success financially has saved the Institution. They are now on their way home to us, after a most prosperous tour in England and Scotland, and the fruit of their labors may be seen in the massive walls which are slowly, but surely rising on the old fort situated about a mile from the city. It will be the fruit of toil and the answer of earnest prayer to God for help in a time of sore need. Meanwhile we are doing the present work with courage we trust, and with many things to cheer us. The school was never so full as the past year. Our old buildings have overflowed, so full of students have they been. Next ~~week~~ we close the years work for a vacation of three months, during which time, our young people, will, many of them work, to procure means to return to us next fall. While for the future, as the name of the school indicates, we hope to see all departments of education filled, at present our great work is to make teachers, for the wide field open to them. Public schools in many states are becoming general, and these, for the colored people, can only be supplied with teachers from this, and similar schools. Last year more than fifty of our students taught, this year, the number will be nearer one hundred. These teach in the States, Miss. La. Ark. Alabama, and one in Kansas. Among the places where a good school has been furnished, they teach generally on plantations, often in towns, but most frequently, where schools are but recently known, and where the people are eagerly waiting for an opportunity to send their children to school. They always establish a Sab. School if there is none, and teach in it if there is one, even though the student may not be a Christian. He seems always to think a S.S. is a necessary accompaniment for day schools. Yours very truly, Henrietta Matson.

[illegible]

Fisk University
Nashville Tenn.
May 25 1870.

Prof Spence has wished me to reply to your letter to him, telling you of the safe arrival of the blankets and expressing to you our most heartfelt thanks, in behalf of those who will be made comfortable by the contents. They will do good, I do assure you. However our school closes this week, for a vacation of three months, during which time, the students will be scattered, and we think it better for you to retain the clothing which you mention, till they ~~[illegible]~~ return, next fall,

it seems very desirable for them to go through a course of study to fit themselves for future usefulness. Now the point that I wish to make is — Would your church adopt one of these young men for a year? We hope after that the trouble would be such that they could do for themselves. If we could find churches who would give from [illegible] to the support of a student next year it would be a great relief. It may not seem right after your great kindness to me to immediately ask for more but when I saw how the Lord was blessing the work of his Spirit in St Louis I felt to lay our wants before them, knowing the result with God. I will pledge for myself monthly missionary letters from myself and from the young men aided if this plan should find favor with your church, would it be too

much to write me at an early day, that I may inform the young men so that they may not make other arrangements. Please [illegible] my address three or four weeks [illegible]

Miss [illegible]
Care of Rev. A. B. [illegible]
[illegible]

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many of our students teach during the vacation, thus procuring means to return to us, and at the same time carrying the light into dark places which we cannot penetrate. The public school system was just becoming available in this State, and we were hoping for better days in Tennessee! but the Civil Rights Bill, which we hail with delight, is likely to prove like many good things, at first disastrous, for these Southern people threaten to break up all schools, refusing to pay tax as, rather than [illegible] submit to mixed schools, as the bill demands. So the State public schools at present (for we hope it is only temporary) will be closed, and not only thousands of children deprived [illegible] studying, as long as they have

of the privileges of schools, but our young people are many of them cut off from earning the necessary means to go on with their studies. There is nothing else but they can do [illegible] so much [illegible] without leaving school for a greater length of time. At the rate of [illegible] which I send you will show, we have eight young men ready to enter college, every one of whom, was depending upon a school this summer, and have failed to get it. County papers all over the State testify [illegible] that the feeling is such, that they dare not open colored schools — here is another battle to be fought but meantime what are we to do with these young men! After

May 25th 1874
Fisk University
Nashville Tenn.

Dear Friends,

I feel very loth to disapp
you in your Sabbath, if they would
like my small part in their
work. Indeed I always love
to feel that I have a part in
your exercises. For I think I
should know the boys and
girls of your Sabbath, as long
as I talked with them. And
in years, at last in heaven
I shall know them, those who
found the dear Saviour, more
than a year ago. How glad
I shall be to see them, but I pray
that they may live close
sheltered in the bleeding
side of Christ.

But I want to ask you to excuse me for not writing upon the subject of your Concert. I am busy all the time [illegible] besides the Examinations and the preparations for closing Exercises and you will see that I cannot put my mind to it sufficiently to write about it. Let me know when you next want it, and I will try to be more prompt. As you will see I have not revised the Patrick's letter.

He is a very promising young man been in school but ~~two~~ eight months - all the past year, he has had perfect recitations, and best of all has joined the Saviour since he came here. He will need aid next year. Can you tell about how much

be able to do. I am very tired, and ask to be excused for only an apology of a letter.

My address for four or five weeks will be [illegible], Middle[illegible]
Care of Hon. [illegible]
after that
North Bloomfield,
Trumbull Co. Ohio.

Very truly yours
Henrietta Matson.

— 1870 Fisk University was visited by a very pre
revival. At the first prayer meeting, after the op
of the Fall term, the Spirit of God was so manif
present that sinners were deeply convicted, and
many of them cried aloud for mercy. The unusual
state of things was wholly unexpected, by those having
charge of the meeting, and finding themselves
unable to control or guide ~~those~~ thus moved, the
meeting was dismissed. The persons affected
however went to their rooms, where teachers and Christian
students gathered around them in prayer, until
one and another were able to rejoice in God.
During the following week, no extra meeting was
held, except after study hours at night, when it
was common for several to gather for prayer in
the students private rooms; but conversions
occurred from day to day, and at the next general
prayer meeting on Wednesday night, the same
intense interest manifested itself. After this the
usual family devotions at night became a
prayer meeting, more or less extended, and in
two or three weeks, a large proportion of the students
professed a hope in Christ. This spirit prevailed
during the entire school year, and new students
coming from time to time, were often at once
convicted, and soon brought to Christ. As one
result of this ~~revival~~, there was developed, in
the school much of a missionary spirit which
became very practical in its workings.
Weekly school prayer meetings were established

different parts of the City, and [illegible] [illegible] of students and teachers, in [illegible] [illegible] conversions occurred, among the people [illegible] preaching on the Sabb. was also sustained, [illegible] where the word of God took effect, and [illegible] were often cut to the heart; after the preaching [illegible] went around among the people, distributing [illegible] to those who could read, and speaking [illegible] was also, during the week, visiting from [illegible] house, reading the Bible and prayer, and [illegible] the Sabb School a very large number of children [illegible] of the fruits of this revival, are seen, in the strongest and most devoted Christian students, with us now, and we hope some [illegible] their fathers [illegible]

1841 and 1842, there was no revival work to [illegible] as the previous year, but conversions constantly occurring, to the number of about [illegible] during the school year. The daily [illegible] prayer [illegible] was sustained [illegible] [illegible] were then born into the kingdom [illegible], the conversion of a [illegible] long was most striking [illegible] as a "longtime [illegible]" [illegible] [illegible]

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in different parts of the City, and sustained for months, by students and teachers. in these meetings several conversions occurred among the people outside Street preaching on the Sabb. was also sustained, for a time where the word of God took effect, and sinners were often cut to the heart. After the preaching Christians went around among the people, distributing tracts, to those who could read, and speaking of Jesus, & There was also during the week, visiting from house to house, reading the Bible and prayer, and gathering into the Sabb School a very large number of children. Some of the fruits of this revival are seen, in some of our strongest and most devoted Christian students with us now, but some who are gone from us have fallen away and are [illegible] things, sadly, some are fine that we hear of,

In 1871 and 1872. there was no revival work so marked, as the previous year, but conversions were constantly occurring, to the number of about forty during the school year. A daily noon prayer meeting was sustained almost the entire school year. And souls were there born into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. The conversion of a young man who is now in glory was most striking. He was what is here known as a "longtime mourner", for months, he seemed earnestly seeking. his heart was probed to the very depths, by the Spirit, and at last he yielded himself up, to Christ.

in different parts of the City, and instances of conversion by students and teachers, in these meetings and conversions occurred among the people outside. Street-preaching on the Sabbath was also instituted, for a time where the word of God took effect and sinners were often led to the Saviour, while the young Christians went around among the people, distributing tracts to those who could read, and speaking of Jesus. There was also during the week, visiting from house to house, reading the Bible and prayer, and gathering into the Sabbath School a very large number of children. Some of the fruits of this revival are seen, in some of the strongest and most devoted Christian students with us now; but some who are [illegible] have fallen asleep.

In 1871 and 1872, there was no revival work so marked, as the previous year; but conversions were constantly occurring, to the number of about forty during the school year. A daily noon prayer meeting was instituted almost the entire school year, and has since been continued into the beginning of this term. The conversion of a young man who is now in glory was most striking. He was what is here termed as a "long-time Seeker," for months, he seemed unusually anxious — his heart was yielded to the Lord by the Spirit, and at last he yielded himself up.

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he seemed transformed; there was some- in his manner, that impressed all who e near him, with the feeling that God had His seal upon him, so clearly, that all might e it. He united with the Baptist Church in the City. I attended his baptism, and when he came up out of the water, his face was, "as it had been the face of an Angel"; and he wore that look till God took him up among the shining ones, for after a few short months, of this close walking with God, he was taken to be with Christ. We had hoped great things for him, and from him, for he was a young man of great promise intellectually, but God's thoughts are not ours.

In 1872 & 1873, another very powerful revival was granted to this Institution, in answer to importunate, agonizing prayer. The Spirit was mightily poured out; the place was shaken. About sixty conversions occurred in two or three weeks. On one day which had been observed by some as a day of fasting and prayer, sixteen professed to find Christ. The whole place seemed pervaded by God's awful presence. Stout-hearted sinners broke down before Him and shouts of praise burst forth from lips unused to praise. The regular Chapel Exercises in the morning, were extended beyond their usual time half an hour, which after a few days, came to be occupied entirely with giving testimonies, by the converts. At noon an inquiring meeting was held

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held at the close of school, at three o'clock, a general meeting of prayer and conference. The school was even given up, but one half day, recitations were [illegible] as named, except for those who were so deeply exercised, for their own salvation, that they could not study. These were permitted to go to a room where some Christian would meet them, and pray with them. Recitations were given up for a prayer meeting, in particular instances, when the interest was so great, that the teacher felt that it was an opportunity to teach the way of salvation, rather than anything else. But this did not often occur. There were some remarkable conversions took place. A Sabb. morning prayer meeting, held by a teacher in his room, for his S. S. Class of young men, will ever be remembered by many. The meeting intended for but an hour, continued for four hours, and others [illegible]. Three or four young men, were smitten down, and lay helpless, crying to the Lord for mercy, but as prayer was made in their behalf, one and another began to rejoice in the God of their salvation. One especially who had passed through terrible convictions for sin, seemed almost beside himself with the unutterable joy which afterwards filled his soul. He was quiet; but seemed to have a most profound sense of God's presence in forgiving love. Many of us will never forget his face, when

[illegible]

"Who is like unto the Lord?", and one [illegible] ho is like to unto Him? Looking [illegible] time to this work of God, it seems, as it [illegible] truly marvelous, and so far as we know [illegible] who professed Conversion at that time, [illegible] Earnest, Consistent Christians.

The two succeeding years, 74 & 75, were a [illegible] of spiritual drought to a certain extent. [illegible] time to time, souls came to a knowledge [illegible] forgiveness, but the former and the latter [illegible] were withheld. There were a few fruit[illegible] in those years, strong, earnest Christians [illegible] God, would show that he was a [illegible] of prayer, one young lady while [illegible] Choir, that is Consolidated there, [illegible] beautiful hymns, "Jesus Lover of my soul," [illegible] Lord, left her place, and went weeping to her room, where she gave herself to God.

1876 thus far has been a time, when the Lord has shown Himself in our midst, as one mighty to save, there have been about fifty Conversions since the middle of January. The Lord our God, is in the midst of us, not only in the salvation of sinners, but there is a great reaching out after God, among Christian students, and teachers. There has been since the opening of the fall term a marked growth in divine things, among our Christian young people, a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and as [illegible] they drank more deeply than ever before.

Convictions for sin, in this, as in the previous revivals has been very deep, and powerful, and the conversions very marked and decided. The means used have been the regular Chapel Exercises, sometimes extended beyond the usual limit. In these Exercises the reading of the Word of God is very powerful, the truth glows with power, coming home to hearts, and piercing like a two edged sword. The law of God as broken by sinners, has been much dwelt upon, God's holiness and man's need of a Saviour. This has been through the reading and exposition of scripture. A young man said this week, that it seemed as though he could not bear to hear the Bible read, it cut him so, to the heart. Again the glory of the Lord rests upon the faces of these young people — these sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty — so gloriously does God work His work. Noon prayer meeting has been held all the time, and an enquiry meeting all day, if there are those who are seeking the way of life. Such are excused from recitations, while the regular work of school goes on. Blessed interruptions have occurred again and again, at times a sinner crying out for mercy, so that we must stop and pray, or a new born soul coming from the enquiry rooms, to tell us of sins forgiven, when we would stop, and rejoice just as the Angels do, singing "Hallelujah 'tis done, I believe on the Son I am washed in the blood of the Crucified One".

There are still those who are holding out against God, resisting with their might but terribly convicted,

Feb. 8th 1886,
Fisk University,
Nashville, Tenn,

Dear bro. Whipple —

I wish I could photograph our prayer meeting tonight, for you, so that you could know just what was said, and the manner of saying it, and could look into the faces of these dear young people, when they speak of the love of Jesus. Scholars, and to quite an extent, older Christian students, give place in many of our meetings, so that the young converts may have greater opportunity. There, two and three will be on the floor at once, eager to speak, and often in prayer it is the same. A little boy, who has been converted in the training school, since

and told him till then how the Lord was dealing with his soul, of course I was very glad to stop. He was baptized by sprinkling when he united with the Church two weeks ago, and fell into great darkness about it afterwards, till he had not fully obeyed the Lord. But he went to God about it in very earnest prayer, and it was made plain to him by the Spirit, that he had obeyed the command of Christ, and now he was satisfied. And he knew now that the Lord would teach him, whatever he needed to know. He said when he came here, he found Jubilee Hall, such a different place from what he had expected. He supposed they would have preaching on the Sabbath, probably would open the school with prayer, but he did not suppose they would pray all the time — all over the a most touching prayer, there were not many dry eyes in the room, where he ceased. "Dear Jesus, please to convert my parents, and grant before this month is out, that all of our family may be Christians, and O! send a great many people from America to Africa, and the islands, where they dont know any thing about Jesus, to tell about Him, to those poor people."

The young lady of whom I spoke, who passed through such sorrow, before she found the Saviour, in the early part of the revival, said "her heart kept going out to [illegible] all the time, she wanted to know more about Him, she wanted to get just as close to Jesus as possible". Another said, this was the most precious [illegible] she had ever known, she wondered [illegible] could have lived in her sins so long — without Jesus". A young man said, he used to wonder when he saw Christians rejoicing over sinners, he thought if he was a Christian he should let it satisfy him, and enjoy it, but he had found religion to be the first good thing, that he wanted to share with all the world. It was so good that he wanted every body to have as share; he enjoyed secret prayer, God understood what he said. [illegible] told me the other day [illegible] was nothing so [illegible] sweet as talking with [illegible] by himself. He is an original [illegible], only came here for the first time a few weeks before his conversion. He asked me a day or two ago, if [illegible] school

God is still granting blessings among us. Very many, about eighteen of the primary scholars, even in Howard Chapel, have professed to come to the Saviour, and the work still goes on. Mr. Moore one of our students—who has charge of the Church over there, is preaching with great earnestness, other students go with him to help him. I was there last Sunday night, [illegible] professed, and several were anxiously enquiring the way to God. In our school here, there are now [illegible] in the boarding department—unconverted and a large number of the city pupils. Of these, are those who have passed through former revivals here, not untouched, but unsaved. Now they are stiffly resisting. Conviction is very deep with them all, not one so unmoved. One or two have left school temporarily, saying they could not endure it. Many of the young men who have been converted have been engaged in tobacco shops where they worked on the Sabbath. This has always been a struggle, for in several instances it was giving up their only means of remaining at school. A young man who resisted long, before yielding, saying said that was the thing he could not give up, but he did at last trust God for employment, and found that work. He went to his employer and told him he could not work on the [illegible]. Why? Now for he was a Christian, and so wonderfully did the Lord care for him, that he was allowed to remain in the place working only week days. He is a remarkable young

Christian — has established family prayer, in his brothers family. he has no father, and his mother who is not a Christian has become a very earnest seeker. I might multiply these cases, which would greatly interest you, but time may weary. Surely God has been very gracious unto our city, and has attended unto our supplications.

Yours in Christ's love,

Henrietta Keaton.

This book of Mr Finney's is doing a great deal for us here, the young people devour it — as far as they have had a chance at it. Many of them are reaching out after the divine fullness, are enquiring about the deep things of God.

building, they seemed to be praying the young men's hall was full of prayer, they came to his room, and wrestled it with their prayers till he asked the Lord, to make the young men let him alone. Now he blessed God, that they did not let him alone. When he began to seek the Lord, he prayed in the different closets, and every corner of his room, but he seldom found God, till he let go of his sins, then he fell into the arms of Jesus and he caught him. He says, sometimes he wakes in the night, and feels the love of God, dropping down into the bottom of his heart. He wants to do something for the Lord, whatever is His will, it seems as though he could wear a chain, for Christ's sake, and that would not be anything.